

POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR DOG

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG OR OTHER PETS TO LICK OR CHEW ITS INCISION. IF THIS HAPPENS, GET A "BITE NOT" OR ELIZABETHAN COLLAR IMMEDIATELY!

ALL DOGS:

- The night after surgery: Give only small amounts of food and water at one time.
- Keep confined indoors for 2 days, keeping children and other pets away.
- No running and jumping for 7 days.
- Walk your dog on a leash, and do not allow to roam free or leave unattended outside for 7 days.

FEMALE DOGS: She can smell like she is in heat for 14 days, so keep male dogs away.

MALE DOGS: He can still be potent for up to 14 days, so keep him away from female dogs.

Your dog has been given an injection of meloxicam at a dose of 0.09 mg/lb - this will provide pain relief for at least 24 hours. Do NOT give any human pain medication to your pet.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR FOLLOWING SURGERY:

- Your dog may be uncoordinated and weak from the anesthesia for the next 24 hours.
- It may feel some nausea and not want to eat - this is normal.
- Some redness and swelling at the incision site is normal.
- Endotracheal tubes (tube in windpipe) are used during surgery - this may result in a slight cough/hack due to irritation in the throat. If a cough lasts longer than 3 days, please notify PetLuv.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR:

- Loss of appetite for more than 2 days, or refusal to drink water for more than 1 day.
- Severe depression or weakness, or vomiting after the first 24 hours.
- Diarrhea, severe pain, or incision drainage.

WOUND CARE:

- Your dog has NO EXTERNAL sutures (unless otherwise instructed).
- If there is any discharge or foul odor, or if the incision opens, get medical attention as soon as possible (see below).
- Do not bathe your dog or allow it to go swimming for the next 7 days, as this may cause infection at the surgery site. A sponge bath, avoiding the incision, is allowed.

If you have concerns about your pet's condition or incision, call PetLuv Monday through Saturday. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery-related problems only. If you elect to go elsewhere, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur. For life-threatening emergencies during non-business hours, call an emergency clinic at (352) 567-3382, or consult your local yellow pages. (Please note: PetLuv is not affiliated with any emergency clinic. Any charges incurred are the client's responsibility.)

