

### Discharge instructions

We have included some of the basic instructions for post-operative care but please note there may be more specific instructions for your animal which the vet or nurse will discuss with you on discharge.

Please keep your animal in a quiet, safe and warm environment for 24 hours after an anaesthetic. Their reflexes and movements may not be as quick as normal therefore letting them out may put them at risk.

Please feed them half of their normal ration in the evening after you have collected you pet.

If they have had an operation performed, we would advise lead exercise until they have had a check-up or had their stitches removed. Please try to stop them from jumping up or over-exerting themselves.

Stitches are usually removed 10 -14 days after an operation. If they have internal stitches we like to see them for a check-up 7-10 days after the operation.

Please check your animal's wound on a daily basis for soreness, swelling or bleeding. If you notice any of these things, please contact us on 01507 602828.

If your animal is licking or chewing at the wound, please contact us immediately as they can do a lot of damage in a short space of time. This can mean they require another anaesthetic and further surgery.

If your animal has had a bandage applied, we normally like to see them 2-3 days afterwards to check the bandage or replace it. If your animal seems uncomfortable or there is swelling around it, please contact us, as the bandage may need replaced.

If you have been given medication to give to your animal, the instructions for the dose will be on the label so please check before administering. Usually we will have given your animal some medication at the surgery therefore most drugs should be started 24 hours after the operation but check with a member of staff if you are unsure.



