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SURGICAL RECOVERY
INSTRUCTIONS
(keep at home)

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Going Home Same Day

- Your pet may have an upset stomach, he/she should not be fed tonight. Small amounts of water may be given intermittently (1/4 cup offered about 30 minutes apart). Offer small amounts of food the next morning.
- Keep pet indoors in a warm, dry place.
- Your pet may experience some dizziness. Please keep your pet on one level of your home. If your pet has to urinate or defecate, make sure he/she is on a leash, then brought back in.

Going Home Next Day

- Feed small amount of food and water.
- For cat declaws, do not allow your cat to jump or run around. Confine your cat to one room or level of your home with litter pan, food, water, bed, etc. for about one week. Replace your current litter with either shredded paper or commercial paper litter for one week.

General Instructions For All Pets:

- Restrict exercise and activity for one week. All dogs should be leash-walked only.
- Our routine procedures (spay, neuter, declaw) have absorbable skin sutures and skin adhesive. Suture removal should not be necessary.
- For some non-routine procedures (tumor removal, dog dewclaw removal, etc.) we use non-absorbable sutures which will need to be removed in 10-14 days.
- Check your pet's surgery site daily for any redness, swelling or drainage. Small amounts of these can be normal and you can hot pack the area for 5 minutes, several times a day. If the surgical area looks like something you're uncomfortable with, call us.
- Do not bathe your pet until the area is completely healed (about 2 weeks).
- If your pet is licking or chewing at the surgery site, you will need to purchase an Elizabethan collar (a lampshade) to prevent this behavior.

Thank you and please call 835-0761 with any problems or concerns.

Monday 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon