

Pet's Name: _____

Discharge Date: _____

Airport Veterinary Clinic

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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PET FOLLOWING DENTAL CARE

PROPER RESTRAINT

Your pet may still be slightly groggy from the anesthetic as they leave the office. To prevent any injury, it is best to have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier. Upon arriving at home, provide a quiet area where your pet can fully recover over the next 12 to 24 hours.

FOOD AND WATER

Your pet has been fasted for their safety in preparation for general anesthesia and surgery. Because of this, they may want to eat right after they return home. It is best to wait 1 to 2 hours after arriving home before offering half of a normal meal to your pet. Offer small, frequent amounts of water this evening. Normal meals can be resumed in the morning.

Some tenderness and discomfort may accompany dental care, and therefore it may be appropriate to feed canned or moistened food (moisten with water or low-sodium/fat free chicken broth) for 2-3 days. If discomfort continues beyond 3 days, contact our office.

ELIMINATION

The gastrointestinal tract can be affected by general anesthesia. This may result in your pet having soft stools or constipation for 24-36 hours following general anesthesia and today's procedure. If any changes persist beyond 36 hours, please contact our office.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

Limit your pet's exercise for the rest of the evening. This includes keeping your pet indoors tonight, limiting access to stairs and discouraging jumping. Normal activity may be resumed in 12-24 hours, or as soon as all grogginess subsides.

HOME DENTAL CARE

There are several options to maintain your pet's healthier smile and you may choose one of the following: 1. Fingerbrush and toothpaste 2. C.E.T. Aquadent- water additive 3. Hills Prescription T/D 4. Greenies 5. C.E.T. Dental Chew

For small breed dogs and cats, a toddler toothbrush is a good alternative to the fingerbrush, as the head of the toothbrush is smaller and easier to fit in their mouth.

MONITOR

While we feel confident your pet will recover normally, there are risks associated with any episode of general anesthesia. Call our office if you note any abnormalities over the next week. These include, but are not limited to:

- *Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
- *Refusal to drink water for more than 1 day
- *Weakness or listlessness
- *Vomiting

MEDICATION

Thank you for choosing us to care for your pet's dental health!