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CARING FOR YOUR PET AFTER SURGERY

Your pet has had a general anaesthesia and surgery today and requires some special care to ensure the recovery is as smooth as possible. Some basic steps are necessary and are described below,

SURGERY WOUNDS

Keep the areas clean and dry until the stitches are removed in 10 days time. Please make an appointment to have the stitches removed.

If the wound has a drain inserted it will need extra care by clearing the drainage points twice daily with salty water.

Some pets with wounds will lick the area constantly. If this occurs please contact the hospital and we will provide an "Elizabethan collar" which will prevent your pet from damaging the wound.

REST

Your pet will be weary from the general anaesthesia and requires a quiet, warm area to recuperate.

It is also better to restrict exercise totally until your pet is fully recovered, which in the cases of desexing is a period of at least 7 days.

FOOD

Usually after general anaesthesia most animals will have an "unbalanced" stomach and it would be preferable to feed them a light meal such as chicken and rice or lean meat and pasta.

PAIN RELIEF

Your pet has received a pain relieving injection during their surgery today unless otherwise indicated. This injection generally lasts 24 hours and will allow your animal to experience little discomfort during recovery.

Please do not hesitate to call the vet hospital if you have any questions about your pet's health.