

Post-Surgical Instructions for “ _____ ”

Your pet has just been released for the hospital. To ensure a complete and safe recovery, please follow the listed instructions carefully.

- When you get home you may offer small amounts of water or ice cubes. At dinner time you may offer a small amount of your pet's meal ($\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ normal amount).
- The sutures should be removed in _____ days / are dissolvable.
- The incision site should be checked daily to be sure they are intact and the site looks healthy. Please contact us if you see any redness, swelling, or discharge.
- Your pet's activity should be restricted for the next _____ days. No running, jumping, or climbing. Your pet should be kept indoors and leash walked during this period of time.
- Discourage your pet from chewing, scratching, or licking at the incision site. Keep an E-collar on while your pet is unattended. Sometimes you may use a t-shirt, baby onesie, or boxer shorts to cover and protect the surgery site.
- Please give all of your pet's medications as directed until gone.
- No baths for the next week.
- Bandages should be removed or rechecked in _____ days.
- Please keep bandages clean and dry. You may place a plastic bag over bandaged paws when going outside. Notify us immediately if the bandage loosens, gets wet, is chewed on, or falls off.
- **CAT DECLAWS:** No CLUMPING LITTER for 1 week. If a paw breaks open keep quiet in a room or crate for a few hours, it should scab back up.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call with any questions or concerns. If you have an emergency after hours, please contact North Star Vets at (609)259-8300 or CARES at (215)750-2774.

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Pre-surgical instructions

Your pet “ _____ ” is scheduled for surgery on _____

Please remove all foods and treats after 10pm the evening before the procedure. It is acceptable to offer water all the way up until the morning of the surgery. Please walk your pet to ensure they have eliminated before coming in. Drop off for your pet is between 8-8:30am unless prior arrangements have been made. We do not allow any drop offs the night before. For your pet’s safety, all dogs must be on a leash and all cats in a cat carrier upon arrival. There will be some paperwork for you to sign and we will take all your phone information at drop off. Generally you will hear from us by noon of that day to let you know how your pet is doing. As soon as your pet is able to stand up and walk, they will be allowed to go home. If you are unable to come right away to pick up your pet, don’t worry. Pick ups are allowed up until 5pm that evening. Any other questions, please feel free to contact us.