



Post-Operative Care

1. Your pet has had an anaesthetic and may be sleepy for up to 48 hours. (Allow peace and quiet during this time).
2. A mild cough may be present. This is due to a tube having been placed in his trachea during the anaesthesia.
3. Keep your pet warm, dry and comfortable; avoid placing bed in extremes of temperature or in a draught.
4. Avoid activity such as climbing stairs and jumping onto furniture. Your pet's judgement may not be as accurate after an anaesthetic and he may stretch the stitches.
5. Allow only short walks on the lead until stitches are removed.
6. If accepted, give only light meals (e.g. prescription diets) for the first 24 to 48 hours unless otherwise specified.
7. If your pet has undergone a surgical procedure, please check for abnormal events such as swelling of the wound, bleeding or other discharge, vomiting and interference of the stitches. Contact the surgery or come in for a check in such cases.
8. Stitches are to be removed in 10 – 14 days. (Please note that there are no stitches in cat castrations).
9. The stitches placed in a cat spay wound may be dissolving. If they are still present in 3 to 4 weeks, then return for a check-up to have them removed. Spayed cats should be kept indoors for the first 7 to 10 days.
10. Check dressings/casts/splints at least twice daily for abnormal smells, discolourations, discharges, discomfort, etc. The dressing/cast needs to be changed/removed in _____.
11. The medication provided for your pet should be started _____.
12. Your pet needs a check up in 2 days.
13. Please make an appointment with Reception or by phone.