

RECOVERY FORM – SURGERY

GENERAL – Keep a close eye on your pet for the next 10 days, but especially the next 48 hours. Look twice daily for any signs of swelling, bleeding, discharge, redness or missing sutures (if present). Your pet should not be allowed to lick or interfere with the wound. If she does then the wound may need to be protected using an Elizabethan collar and you should telephone the surgery. Your pet should be eating and drinking normally by two days after the operation. If this is not the case again please contact the surgery.

Any areas of missing fur on your pet's legs, neck or ear are where anaesthetics and other drugs have been given or blood samples taken. Your pet may have a brown stain around the operation site. This is the remains of the antiseptic used to clean your pet's skin and will fade in 2 – 3 days.

FEEDING – Give water to drink today and a small amount of normal food unless a diet has been prescribed. Tomorrow return slowly to normal feeding. If vomiting occurs withhold all food and drink, then after four hours try again. If vomiting persists please contact the surgery.

EXERCISE – On arriving home cats should be kept in the house for 24 hours. Dogs should be given gentle lead exercise until the sutures are removed unless other instructions are given.

SUTURES – Are routinely removed 10 – 11 days after the operation, although in some cases they will be left in longer.

BANDAGES – If your pet has arrived home with a bandage on, please make sure you keep it clean and dry. You will be given an appointment to remove/check the dressing in 2 to 4 days.