

Discharge Instructions for:

Reason for visit/diagnosis:

Diet and water:

- Feed the following special diet of _____
- Offer small amounts of water this evening. You may feed your pet a small meal (1/2 what they would normally eat) later tonight.
- No change in food or water required at this time.

Medications:

Care of surgical site:

- If surgery was performed, check surgical site daily for redness, swelling, discharge or loss of sutures. If noted, please call.
- Keep surgical site, bandage, or splint clean and dry. No baths or swimming. If area becomes soiled or wet, please call.
- If your pet licks or chews at the surgery site or bandage, please call.
- If any slipping or discomfort with the bandage is noted, please call.
- Schedule a suture/staple removal or bandage change in ____ days.
- Sutures will dissolve on own or are under the skin.

Activity:

- Your pet has been anesthetized and may be groggy tonight.
- Your pet may be tired, unsteady, eat/drink less than normal, cough, or have poor control over urination/defecation for the next 24 hours. Please call with any questions or concerns regarding pain and symptoms.
- Restrict activity. Exercise should be limited to leash walking only for the next _____ days. Avoid running, jumping, rough play with other animals in the household.
- Restrict access to stairs. Help in and out of car - no jumping.
- Keep indoors for the next ____ days.
- Please keep Elizabethan Collar on at all times for the next ____ days.

Follow up appointment(s):

Additional comments:

Most healing occurs at home; therefore the care you provide is vital to your pet's recovery. Our staff will assist you in any way to ensure success.

Notify the South Amherst Veterinary Hospital at (413)253-8001 if any of the following occurs:

Your pet's condition worsens or your pet seems lethargic or any vomiting or bleeding occurs, you cannot give the prescribed medication, or if you have any questions or concerns.