



Gastropexy Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Patient: {PATIENT FULL NAME}

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Presenting Complaint: Distended abdomen, unproductive retching.

Diagnostics: A lateral abdominal radiograph revealed a gas distended stomach with volvulus. Preoperative bloodwork was unremarkable. Clotting times were normal preoperatively.

Diagnosis: Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus

Surgery: {NAME} had an emergency exploratory laparotomy performed. At surgery, the stomach was found to be rotated 180 degrees. The stomach was de-rotated and decompressed. There was moderate bruising to the stomach, but it all appeared viable. A right sided gastropexy was performed. {NAME} did well under anesthesia and recovered without incident.

Exercise: Limit activity for the next 2 weeks. Short leash walks are permitted on a leash. No jumping, running, or rough-housing. Do not leave {NAME} off the leash unattended.

Medications:

1. **Rimadyl (___ mg):** Give 1 tablet by mouth every 12 hours with food. Please watch for signs of gastrointestinal upset: loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, and black stools. If these signs occur your pet could be sensitive to these medications and they should be discontinued and a veterinarian contacted. This medication was given in hospital at _____.
2. **Gabapentin (___ mg):** Give 1 capsule by mouth every 8-12 hours as needed for pain relief. This medication may cause sedation. This medication was given in hospital at _____.

Diet: {NAME} can be feed a normal daily amount but should be divided into 3-4 smaller meals. Feeding a large meal will put stress on the gastropexy site and may impact healing of the gastropexy.

Incision: Please check the incision for signs of infection: redness, swelling, pain or discharge. Do not allow {NAME} to lick at the incision. An E collar or t-shirt should be used to keep {NAME} from licking at the incision.

Suture Removal: The sutures can be removed in 10-14 days from the day of surgery. Please make an appointment with Dr. {RDVM} in that time frame.

Biopsy Results: A biopsy of the ___ has been submitted to the lab for analysis. These results should be available in 5-7 business days. We will call you with these results once they are available. These results may lead to further recommendations for {NAME}'s care.

Recommendations: {NAME} had a gastropexy performed. This should prevent life-threatening torsion of the stomach in the future. However, the bloating occurs due to an underlying primary GI disorder and {NAME} may have more bloating episodes in the future. If you ever notice that {NAME} appears distended or has unproductive retching, please have them rechecked. Bloating without torsion can typically be treated via medical management.

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Thank you for allowing us to care for {NAME}!