

Limb Amputation Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Patient: {PATIENT FULL NAME}

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Presenting Complaint:

Diagnostics:

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Surgery: {NAME} had a ____ amputation 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. **Yunnan Baiyou:** Give 1 capsule by mouth every 12 hours. This is an herbal supplement that helps promote clotting. This medication was given in hospital at ____.
3. **Gabapentin (___ mg):** Give 1 capsule by mouth every 8-12 hours as needed for pain relief. This medication may cause sedation. You can start this medication once the fentanyl patch has been removed.

Diet: Normal

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.

Recommendations: Cold pack the incision three times daily for 10 minutes at a time for the next 48 hours. You can use a bag of frozen peas wrapped in a thin towel to do this. Thereafter, hot pack the incision three times daily, ten minutes each time for seven days. A hot water bottle can be used as a hot pack (monitor temperature so that it does not burn the skin).

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

Bandage: The bandage should stay on for about 2 weeks after the surgery. It should be kept dry and clean. If any problems arise please give us a call. The bandage should be changed with Dr. {RDVM} each week (every 5-7 days). Please make an appointment to do so.

Clinician: Joshua Bruce, DVM, DACVS-SA

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