



Wound Closure Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Patient: {PATIENT FULL NAME}

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Presenting Complaint: Wound Closure

Diagnostics: Preoperative bloodwork was unremarkable.

Diagnosis:

Surgery: {NAME} had surgery performed to close the wound on the _____. {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 _____.
- 3. Antibiotics (___ mg):** Give 1 tablet by mouth every 12 hours with food. This is an antibiotic. This medication was given in hospital at _____.

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.

Drain Care:

Your pet had a Jackson-Pratt (JP) drain placed during surgery to allow us to remove excess fluid. You will need to empty the drain twice daily and record the amount produced on a sheet of paper.

To empty the drain:

1. Wash your hands before and after emptying the drain.
2. Open the tab on the side of the bulb.
3. Empty the bulb into a measuring container and record the amount.
4. Next, squeeze the bulb until it flattens in the middle and close the tab.
5. Pour the fluid into the toilet to dispose of it

*Please contact Dr. {RDVM} if you note that the amount of fluid being produced by the drain substantially increases in amount, or if the fluid is changing in appearance.

The drain should be rechecked with Dr. {RDVM} in one week. Please bring the log of the amounts produced by the drain.

Clinician: Joshua Bruce, DVM, DACVS-SA

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