



HOME CARE AFTER HOSPITAL

*Your Pet - Our Patient*

# Care of your pet at home

\* Your pet will be sleepy after the anaesthetic so expect it to want to go to bed - ensure your pet has a warm, soft bed in a draft free area free from too much noise. Your pet must be allowed to sleep.

\* Allow free access to water and perhaps a small bowl of warm soup - don't be too concerned if your pet doesn't eat on the first night.

\* Depending on the type of surgery your pet has undergone, it may need to be strictly confined. You may need to confine the pet to a cage, kennel, laundry or tie up on a 3m lead. Handwalk to toilet on a lead.

\* The next day your pet should be brighter, hungry, be drinking and toileting normally. Please monitor toileting so you can report any problems to us. Continue to confine and handwalk if required.

\* Administer your pets medications according to directions. Be sure to finish the entire course of medications - this is important.

\* If you are having difficulty medicating your pet contact us immediately so we can offer advice .

\* Bandage changes must occur on schedule. This is very important to prevent adverse tissue reactions from illfitting bandages.

**\* As much as we love them - our pets do carry large numbers of bacteria in their mouths. So they must not be allowed to lick any wounds, surgical site or stitches as this will quickly lead to infection.**

**\* Often it is the shaving of hair that can be irritable so we will apply a soothing cream to this area postop.**

**\* If a stern warning is not enough to stop your pet from licking, then it may need to wear a E-collar. This may be removed for eating but ensure to replace afterwards. Please ensure your pet can access the water bowl while wearing the collar.**

**Be sure to revisit us as advised so we can check your pet healing progress.**

Waiting to go home!

