



## Fairfield Animal Hospital

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Columbiana, OH 44408  
(330) 482-9755

After Hours Emergency Clinic 330-530-8387// Akron Veterinary Referral 330-665-4996.

### Discharge Instructions

#### PROCEDURE:

Your pet did great for their stay!

Please Call with any questions, updates, or concerns.

**PROPER RESTRAINT & EXERCISE:** Please protect your pet when leaving the hospital by either a leash or a carrier. Do not allow your pet to become overly active and excited. Avoid access to stairs or situations that may lead to injury. If given anesthesia he/she may be groggy for 12 hours.

- Your pet may resume normal exercise and activity in 14 days.
- Your pet should be confined to indoors and taken outside on a leash only for 14 days.  
Many patients may not have a bowel movement for 24 to 36 hours after surgery. This is normal.

**FOOD AND WATER:** With the excitement of returning home, your pet may be inclined to drink and eat excessively, which may result in vomiting. To avoid this, we recommend restricting access to water for an hour or until your pet has quieted down. Then, allow only small amounts for the first 8 hours. Normal feeding may resume the next day.

**DIET:** If a special diet has been prescribed, please follow the instructions carefully:

- Feed your pet his/her regular diet.
- Feed multiple smaller meals tonight. Then resume normal feeding tomorrow. It is okay if Milton does not want to eat tonight.

**MEDICATION:** If dispensed, it is important to follow directions carefully.

- Dispensed, follow directions on prescription label.

**A pain medication and/or antibiotic will be prescribed to your pet for after surgery. These medications will be started the next day. Please follow the instructions on the bottle and on your discharge instructions carefully to ensure proper administration.**

**INCISION:** Please examine incision daily for evidence of increased redness, swelling, discharge or separation of edges. A small amount of licking of the incision is to be expected but discourage active licking or scratching of the incision. Keep incision clean & dry. Do not apply medication to the area.

- Sutures are absorbable and do not need to be removed.

**In some cases, sutures or staples will be places. In that situation, we will require a 2 week recheck to inspect the surgical site and remove them.**

- With your pets incision, we recommend an E-collar to prevent self trauma to the surgical area. Trauma inflicted by your pet by licking, scratching, chewing, etc. can happen quickly and cause serious complications.

**RECHECKS:**

A recheck appointment does not need to be scheduled unless you have any concerns, notice any swelling, lethargy, pain, or other abnormal behavior.

**This is to be determined per patient.**

**MONITOR:** A decrease inactivity or appetite for one or two days is normal. However, if your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, please notify the hospital if:

- 1) Loss of appetite for over 2 days
- 2) Refusal to drink water over 1 day.
- 3) Weakness
- 4) Depression
- 5) Vomiting
- 6) Diarrhea:
- 7) Any illness directly associated with the administration of medication.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** \_\_\_

**Thank you for trusting us with your pets care!**