



Post-Operative Instructions: JPS

Thank you for trusting your pet to our surgical care. Your pet has had general anesthesia and surgery for Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis. It is essential to allow him/her time to heal and to avoid injury during recuperation.

Please strictly follow the instructions below.

1. Activity:

- No running, jumping, free access to stairs, or rough playing with other pets or children.
- Do not allow any unrestricted or off-leash activity, or free access to stairs or slippery floors.
- Restrict activity for the next 10 days to allow complete healing of the surgical site.
- Activity must be limited to very short leash walks three times daily for the purpose of going outside to the bathroom only.
- Confine your pet to an enclosed area such as a small room, dog run or dog crate when you are not home or when you are sleeping.

2. Incision:

- If there is a white bandage, please remove bandage after 1 day.
- Monitor the incision daily for signs of infection, i.e., discharge, incision opening, active bleeding. If you observe any of these signs please call us immediately.
- Surgical area may have some bruising and swelling. Please ice the incision 2-3 times daily for 5-10 minutes if possible.
- **Your pet must wear an E-collar until the sutures are removed.**

3. Medications:

- Give all medications as directed and call us if you believe your pet is having an adverse reaction to any of the prescriptions.
- If your pet loses his/her appetite, begins vomiting or develops diarrhea or dark/tarry stools please call us immediately.
- We may prescribe sedatives for your pet's safety and to assist you in enforcing exercise restriction.

4. Food:

- Your pet should always have access to water and eat 1/3 less his/her normal amount of food during the recovery.

5. Recovery:

- Your pet should show steady, continual improvement. If he/she seems lethargic, acutely painful or simply not doing well please call us immediately.



6. Recheck:

- Please call us in 10 days with an update.

7. Questions:

- Our foremost interest is your pet's rapid and complete recovery: Please do not hesitate to call VOC at 219.922.6000 if you have any questions or concerns.

**In case of an emergency, call North Central ER at (219)881-1600, or your closest emergency clinic.

We offer this information as a complement to the specific verbal and written instructions that our staff may have discussed with you during consultation or your discharge appointment. It is intended to provide helpful guidelines for caring for your pet at home and is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all possible post-surgical orders or potential complications. As always, we rely on you to call if you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's recovery and post-operative care.