



## **POST OPERATIVE DENTAL CARE FOR DOGS & CATS**

### **RECOVERY**

Most animals are much quieter than usual for at least 24 hours after an anaesthetic, so make sure there is a bed in a warm, draught free and quiet place.

### **FEEDING**

After general anaesthesia and dental procedures (unless otherwise instructed) your pet may be offered water when they get home and a diet recommended by the veterinary surgeon. Usually this should be something soft if your pet has had any tooth extractions. Do not worry however if nothing is eaten that day. After a day or two, the appetite should return to normal.

You may even notice a small amount of blood from the mouth in your pet's bed, or food/water bowl etc. This would be classed as normal for the first 24-48 hours. If it continues past this, we would recommend you returning your pet to the surgery for a re-examination.

### **EXERCISE**

Any dogs should be restricted to lead exercise only to allow urination and defaecation the evening following the surgery. Cats should be kept indoors for 24 hours. Prevent normal play, running, jumping up (stairs, furniture, people, into car etc.) for the first 24 hours too.

### **GENERAL**

You will notice a shaved area on one or both front legs. This is where the anaesthetic was given, and where fluid may have been given during the operation. If blood has been taken from your dog for various tests, you may notice the neck area has been shaved. All dogs and cats have a tube passed to maintain an airway during dental surgery. As a result of this a cough may develop for a day or two afterwards. Following an anaesthetic some dogs may experience vomiting or diarrhoea.

### **HEMOCARE**

We recommend brushing the teeth after dental treatment. However, if your pet has had any teeth extracted you will need to try and avoid the area for a few days. We usually like to re-examine your pet in a free nurse clinic appointment 7 days after dental treatment.

**Pronounced swelling, reddening or bleeding from the mouth should be reported to us promptly.**

Special instructions

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**Please phone for advice if you are worried about any aspect of your pet's recovery - 01692 403202**

Discharge checklist (Veterinary use only)

Cannula removed

Mouth checked