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Post Operative or Procedure Care

Your animal has been administered a general anaesthetic and/or sedation which can take 24 – 48 hours to wear off. This may cause your animal to appear drowsy but over the next few days their behaviour should return to normal

When your animal **arrives home** you should:

- Keep it warm and comfortable in a draft free environment
- Provide a drink of fresh water
- Offer a small amount of bland food such as chicken and rice
- Minimize activity especially during the first few days
- Check the wound, drain and or bandage at least once a day

If the wound has been sutured, please **contact us immediately** if there is:

- Weeping or discharge
- Pain or heat
- Redness
- Swelling
- Opening of the wound
- Excessive licking of the wound (usually requires an Elizabethan collar)

Any problems such as if your animal is not eating, drinking, urinating or defecating within 24-48 hours or is abnormally lethargic, depressed or vomiting **please inform us immediately**

Leg bandage care, if there is any slippage, redness, discharge, swelling or temperature changes of toes inform us immediately.



If your animal has had **stitches** please arrange for **removal in 10-14 days**. There is a **no** for this service or voluntary donation **WLPA**.



If your animal has had a **bandage** it should be checked in _____ **days**.



If your animal has had its **teeth** cleaned with **extractions** they should be kept on **soft food for 7 days**. Foods such as mince, strips of meat, canned food or dog roll are suitable.



If your animal has a **cast** you should arrange **weekly to check**.



If your animal has had a **drain** it should be removed in _____ days. The drain is usually flushed or cleaned twice a day with warm salty water. One pinch of salt in a cup of cooled boiled water may be used for this purpose.