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POST SURGICAL HOMECARE FOR YOUR PET

Please read the following instructions regarding their care at home.

It is important that your pet:

- ✓ Be kept quiet for a couple of weeks, particularly because of the sensitive area that surgery was performed. The area has been closed surgically with sutures and will need this time to heal appropriately and avoid any possible complications.
- ✓ Keep your pet warm and inside, especially in the colder months. The anaesthetic means that they may have problems thermoregulating for up to 24 hours post anaesthesia.
- ✓ Keep the surgery site, wounds & any bandaging clean and dry.
- ✓ Check the wound daily for excessive redness, swelling and any discharge
- ✓ Don't allow him/her to scratch at the area despite how desperate they look! A plastic cone can be provided to put on when you are not watching them.
- ✓ Do not wash your pet until sutures are removed

The sutures placed in the skin are often non-dissolvable, and therefore **need to be removed at the vet hospital in 10-14 days**. No appointment is necessary.

Please follow the instructions on dispensed medication.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to ring the hospital on 0269 260 900.

Thank you for entrusting the Wagga Wagga Veterinary Hospital with the care of your pet.

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