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CARE OF YOUR PET FOLLOWING SURGERY/HOSPITALIZATION

Your pet has just been in the hospital for surgery and/or treatment. He/she may or may not have received food or water while he/she was here depending on the nature of his care. Although he/she may act starved to food or water when going home, overeating or drinking will make him/her sick and possibly aggravate his problem. Therefore, it is imperative that you gradually wean him/her back to food and water. If your pet has had an anesthetic on the same day he is going home, offer him a small bite of food only if he/she asks for it. Give him/her no more than a few swallows of water until he/she has been home several hours.

You may notice a shaved area on one or more of your pet's legs. This is where he/she received intravenous medication. The hair should grow back in a relatively short time.

**Exercise and Activity:**

- May have normal exercise.
- Require restricted activity for \_\_\_\_\_. Discourage jumping, running and stairways.
- Require strict rest. Cage (kennel) is possible.

**Medication:**

- No medication is needed.
- Give appropriate medication as directed.

**Care of incision:**

Do not allow your pet to lick the incision. Any excessive redness, swelling or discharge should be reported to our office. Bathing should be restricted until after sutures are removed or until two weeks post-op.