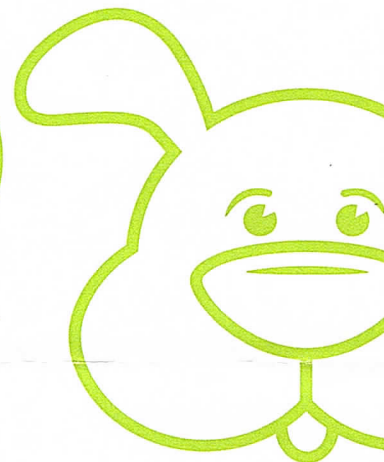


# ADVANCED PROCEDURE POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations!  
You've just made  
a big step towards  
improving your pet's  
oral health.



## 🦷 RECOVERY

- Your pet just had dental surgery. Keep a watchful eye and know that a little bleeding is normal.
- Your pet will most likely have sutures in its mouth. Just know that these are absorbable and would be gone in about 40 days.
- Because of the sedation, your pet may become restless, shaky, and, in some cases, may vomit within 24 hours. Do not be alarmed. These are side effects of medications given for sedation. Keep your pet warm and reassure them that they are fine.
- If you notice scratching or pawing at the mouth, it would be best to put an e-collar on your pet for at least 3 days after surgery.
- Your pet may have a bandage on its limb, it was used for catheter placement. You may remove it once you get home.
- Know that bruising on the catheter site is normal. Put an e-collar on your pet if it starts licking the area.

## 🏠 FOOD + WATER

- Their gums are still sensitive, and we want to avoid vomiting. Food should not be offered until tomorrow morning. At the time that you do offer food, make sure that it is moist and soft enough to chew easily.
- Water can be offered right when you get home and should be available to your pet at all times.
- If your pet is begging for food, please feed 1-2 tablespoons of yogurt (plain, greek style) the night of surgery.

## 🩺 FOLLOW-UP

- The veterinarian will want to see your pet 4 months from now so as to properly re-evaluate your pet's oral health. A follow-up reminder will be sent 4 months following today's procedure. A full oral health assessment, dental cleaning and polish at that time is recommended. Regular charges apply for the follow-up visit.

## 💊 MEDICATIONS

- Pain medications and antibiotics for today have already been given. This means all prescribed medications that you are taking home should be started the morning following surgery. Please give with food.

## 🐾 PLAY

- Please avoid long walks or any strenuous activities for your pet for a few days after surgery.
- Although we love to see our pets interacting with their friends, it is better to keep other pets separate the night of the surgery to avoid complications with recovery.

## ❓ QUESTIONS?

- If you have any issues with your pet's behavior or recovery tonight, please feel free to **text us at 888.753.2829**. We do check text messages until 9pm on surgery days.