

London Veterinary Services

— in-house surgical referrals —

Sub-Total Colectomy Discharge

Medication If you have any medication to go home with, please follow the instructions on the packet carefully. If you have any known drug allergies yourself (eg. penicillin allergy), please let us know. Occasionally, any drug may produce side effects (eg. vomiting or diarrhoea). If you think this may be the case, or if you accidentally give the wrong dose, again please let us know immediately so that we can advise on the best course of action. Please note that all medication should be stored safely away from your pets or children.

General care

- Animals may be drowsy for 12-24 hours after an anaesthetic, and many animals are sleepy from the pain medication we use after surgery. It is not unusual for some animals to be reluctant to eat or be less active than usual. Some cats do not want to eat for upto 3 days after surgery if this is the case then we should give an appetite stimulant so please advise you vet of any inappitence after 24hours.
- We expect all animals to urinate within 24-48 hours of going home, and to defaecate within 4-5 days. If this does not happen, or your pet is straining without passing please phone us for advice. Some cats can pass some bloody faeces for the first couple of days and may have diarrhea for upto 3 months due to the shortening of the large bowel. This should resolve in most cases after 3-5 months.
- You can offer food within 24hours of surgery as this helps with gut healing. The healing of the intestine takes 2 weeks but is at its weakest at 3-5 days post surgery. This is the highest risk of any leakage from the surgical site. If this occur it is very serious and you will notice you cat not wanting to eat and being depressed and lethargic. If this happens you should get you cat checked immediately by your vet.

Exercise

Your cat should be kept indoors for the first 2 weeks post surgery to allow healing of the surgical site.

Wound care

You should check any surgical wounds twice a day. It is not unusual to have a little clear or blood-tinted discharge for the 24-48 hours. If there is an abnormal discharge or swelling or opening of the wound, please let us know. Your pet must wear a “buster” collar for the first two weeks after surgery– failure to do this may result in infection or reopening of the wound.

Your next appointment is in 2 days for a wound check. REMEMBER – IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE PHONE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP.

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