

Post Dental advice for Dogs

Discharge Instructions for

Your pet has undergone a procedure today under general anaesthetic. Your pet has/hasn't had extractions today. Please read through this important information regarding the after care of your pet.

Teeth extracted if applicable.....

When you get home

Anaesthesia can affect dogs differently. It is most likely that they will be a bit quieter than normal and may feel disorientated afterwards. This is usually short lived and can last for around 24 hours.

The best thing to do is provide your pet with a nice warm and quiet place to relax and sleep. Even though your pet might seem a little out of sorts, they should still be responsive. The nurse will check them over prior to discharge to assess if they are suitable to go home. If you are at all worried about your pet when you get them home please call the surgery immediately on 01743 360 614.

Going to the toilet

When you get them home they might need some assistance to go to the toilet as they might still be a bit wobbly from the anaesthetic, so we advise accompanying them into the garden to help steady them if needed.

Feeding your pet post surgery

It is recommended that you feed your pet something bland and soft like chicken and rice, or you can buy special gastrointestinal recovery food from us. They can have their own food, but sometimes the anaesthetic can cause upset tummies. If your pet has had extractions today we would definitely recommend some soft food for a few days. We advise that you feed your pet small amounts of food little and often for the next 24 hours and then slowly switch them back onto their normal food again. Fresh clean drinking water should always be available.

Extractions

It will have been communicated with you at the discharge appointment if and what teeth your pet has had extracted. If your pet has had dental extractions then it is important to keep them on soft bland food for a few days. We would like to see your pet back in 24 to 48 hours to check these extraction sites and make sure everything is healing up nicely.

Exercise

No walks the evening of the procedure, just take them out into the garden to the toilet. If your pet feels up for a small walk the following day then this is fine, but nothing too strenuous.

How can I keep my pet comfortable

On the day of the surgery your pet will have received all the pain relief and medication needed via injection. The vet might also prescribe a short course of pain relief and/or antibiotics for you to give at home. But please note we do not routinely give out antibiotics and will do so only if medically indicated. The pain relief prescribed is a non steroidal anti inflammatory and will help keep your pet comfortable post extractions. If you notice your pet has any vomiting or diarrhoea when on this medication then please stop giving it to your pet and call us for further advice. Please see the table below for medication details and instructions.

Medication Dispensed.....

Type of medication

When to start medication

Duration and Instructions

Dental Post Operative Check appointment -

As mentioned if your pet has had extractions we might like to see them back to check how the extraction sites are healing.

Dental Post Operative Check

Appointment date..... Time.....

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01743 360 614