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Discharge Orders

Modified Forssell's operation for Equine Cribbing

Feeding:

- A regular diet may be fed when returning home.

Exercise

- Your horse should have stall rest for 2 days.
- Then your horse should have paddock exercise for 2 weeks.
- Then your horse should have casual exercise in a small pasture for 2 weeks.
- Then, your horse may exercise as normal.

Additional Concerns:

- Due to the presence of the drains strict fly control is very important. Use fly sprays liberally in the stable and on your horse, close to, but not on the incision itself.

Incisions:

- There will be an amount of drainage from around the drain tube [not from the center tube itself]. It is important to clean the area two to three times daily. A simple mild soap [Dial hand soap or Ivory dish washing liquid] and water are good. Additionally, hydrogen peroxide is a good antiseptic cleaning agent. Avoid getting the cleaning agent in the incision, but do not worry if a few drops do.
- When the drainage around the tubes becomes minimal, your veterinarian will remove them. That is generally 3, but occasionally as long as 7 days postoperative. There will continue to be a bit of drainage after drain tube removal, but this should stop within 7 days of removal. Continue to clean the area until the drainage stops.
- Check the incision each morning for swelling and other signs of infection. Any pus-like drainage or odor should be reported. Call early in the day if there is a problem. Call if you are not sure.
- Feel free to call Dr. Martinson for advice or your regular veterinarian if you feel a visit is needed.
- All horses do have sutures. Please make an appointment with your regular veterinarian for their removal 12 to 14 days postoperative.

Medications:

- Please read the instructions on the bottle(s) carefully. If there are any questions, please ask.
- Pain medication and an antibiotic will be prescribed.

Follow Up:

- Please call with a progress report in 1 month.
- If Doctor is not available to the phone that day, leave a message with the staff. Doctor will return your call if he has any concerns

Instructions:

Final Thought:

- Thank you!! Please call with whatever questions or problems you may have!!

Dr. Martinson