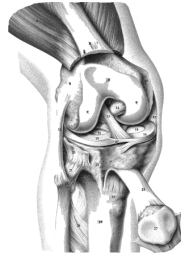


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Discharge Orders

Stifle Arthrodesis

Feeding:

- Feed high protein and meat type canned foods until healed. Meat is high in calcium and phosphorus, which is needed for bone healing.

Exercise

- Your pet is limited to short leash walks for 3 weeks.
- Then your pet is limited to leash walks for 3 weeks more. About 2 city blocks 2 or 3 times daily is appropriate.
- Then your pet may exercise about the yard without vigorous activity for 8-10 weeks.
- Then, your pet may exercise as normal.

Bandages:

- There are generally no bandages, but if present your veterinarian will remove it at the incision check appointment.

Incisions:

- Check the incision each morning for swelling, redness, drainage or other signs of infection. Call early in the day if there is a problem. Call if you are not sure.
- We need to recheck the incision in 3 or 4 days. Please make an appointment with your regular veterinarian.
- Please make an appointment for suture / staple removal in 12 days, again with your regular veterinarian.
- Please make an appointment at 8 to 10 weeks postoperative for an exam and possible X-rays with your regular veterinarian.

Medications:

- Please read the instructions on the bottle(s) carefully. If there are any questions, please ask.

Follow Up:

- Please call with a progress report in 8 weeks.
- 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, or you have any concerns.

Instructions:

Final Thought:

- Your regular veterinarian knows when to communicate with us. You may also call if you have concerns about your dog's progress.
- Thank you!! Please call with whatever questions or problems you may have!!

[] Dr. Martinson
[] Dr. Holloway