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Discharge Orders

Atlanto-axial Subluxation

Feeding:

- Feed a normal high quality diet. Feed high protein and meat type canned foods until healed. Meat is high in Calcium, Phosphorus, and Protein, which are needed for bone and soft tissue healing.

Exercise

- Your pet will require strict rest for 2 weeks
- Your pet is limited to short leash walks with a harness (NOT A COLLAR) for 2 weeks.
- Then your pet is limited to leash walks, again only with a harness, for 2 weeks more. The recommended length is about 2 city blocks 2 or 3 times daily.
- Then your pet may exercise about the yard with NO vigorous activity for 3 weeks.
- Then, your pet may exercise as normal.
- A harness, not a collar, is best for leash walks for the remainder of his or her life. A collar is OK for tags of identification only.

Bandages:

- There are no bandages to worry about, but occasionally a neck brace will be used.

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 removal in 10 days, again 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 6 weeks.
- If the surgeon is not available by phone that day, leave a message with the staff. The doctor will return your call if there are any concerns.

Instructions:

Final Thought:

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

[] Dr. Martinson

[] Dr. Holloway