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Discharge Orders

Thyroidectomy

Feeding:

- Feed a light diet of normal food for 1 day.
- Then feed normally.

Exercise

- Indoor cats can immediately resume their normal activities.
- Indoor/outdoor and outdoor cats should follow the following schedule:
 - Since surgery was about the neck, exercise is best off leash or with a harness.
 - Your pet is limited to short walks for 2 days.
 - Then your pet is limited to leash walks for 7 more days.
 - Then your pet is limited to casual yard activity for 1 week.
 - Then, your pet may exercise as normal.

Bandages:

- There are no bandages.

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.

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 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.

Additional Advice:

- Since aspiration pneumonia is a known, but uncommon complication, any respiratory signs such as cough, heavy breathing or fever should be reported to your veterinarian.

Instructions:

Final Thought:

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

[] Dr. Martinson

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