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Discharge Orders

Mastectomy

Feeding:

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

Exercise

- Your pet is limited to short walks for 10 days.
- Then your pet is limited to walks for 10 more days.
- Then your pet is limited to casual yard activity for 3 weeks.
- Then, your pet may exercise as normal.

Bandages:

- There are no bandages.

Incisions:

- Some cases will have a drain tube placed in surgery. You and your veterinarian will be given specific instruction about its care and time of removal.
- 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. They may schedule your pet for additional incision checks or for the removal of any drain.
- 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:

- If surgery is needed on the other side, call 6 weeks after the sutures are removed to discuss scheduling it.
- All dogs need monthly examination of the remaining breast tissue or the operated area for the development of further disease. Take your time and use your fingers. Report any nodules to your veterinarian.
- Chemotherapy is rarely indicated in mammary cancer due to its limited benefits and possibility of complications .

Instructions:

Final Thought:

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

[] Dr. Martinson

[] Dr. Holloway