



## Memorial-610 Hospital for Animals

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### *Postoperative Care Instructions*

Prepared for Your Pet Animal by (unassigned)

The skin at Your Pet's surgical site has been closed with external sutures. These sutures will need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please schedule an appointment for removal of the sutures in our office.

Observe the surgical site daily and inspect the skin for any signs of inflammation or infection. The surgical site may be slightly sore, but should not be overly painful. If the skin edges appear to be very red and swollen, if there is excessive discharge coming from the wound, or if you note increasing pain, please contact our office. You may wash the wound site with hydrogen peroxide and a clean cloth to remove any crusting along the suture line/wound.

Exercise should be restricted for the first few days after surgery to allow healing to begin and prevent any undue stress on the skin closure.

The skin incision should not be exposed to water for 7-10 days. Unless your veterinarian indicates it is okay, do not bathe Your Pet for the next 10 days.

Feed only a light meal the day that Your Pet goes home. Anesthesia will often slow the movement of food or cause nausea. You may generally resume normal feeding 24 hours after surgery. **If your veterinarian has prescribed a specific diet, or has instructed you not to feed Your Pet, please follow those instructions.**

If medications were dispensed for Your Pet, please give them according to the label directions.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 713-688-0387.