

ORCHARD HILLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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Discharge instructions for _____ Date _____

Procedure performed _____

Medications:

- 1. _____ Next Dose _____
- 2. _____ Next Dose _____
- 3. _____ Next Dose _____

Food:

- Restrict access to food for the first 6 hours after discharge from the hospital, then feed small amounts.
- Small amounts of water are okay to offer after discharge from the hospital.
- Specific feeding instructions from the doctor are noted at the bottom of this form.

Activity:

- Minimize activity for 5-7 days.
- Minimize activity for 3 days.
- Activity should be limited to leash walks only to use the bathroom for the specified duration.

Sutures:

Discourage licking or chewing at the sutures or the incision site. Check the incision site daily for swelling, redness, or discharge. If you notice any of these conditions, please call the hospital as soon as possible and have your pet rechecked.

Elizabethan collars ("Lampshade" collars) are available for your pet if they will not leave the sutures alone. Call us for one if it is needed.

Drains and hot packing:

Drains are placed in contaminated areas to let fluid drain from a wound. The drainage flows out from under the skin around the drain tubing. It is very important to keep the exit holes clean and open so that proper drainage may occur. You can clean the area with either warm water or hydrogen peroxide.

It helps drainage if you **hot pack** the wound with a warm washcloth (warm compress) for 5 minutes from 2-3 times a day until the drain is removed.

Bandages:

It is very important to keep the bandage clean and dry. When your pet goes outside, cover the bandage with a plastic bag. If the bandage becomes wet, soiled, develops an odor, or your pet starts chewing at it, call the hospital as soon as possible and have your pet rechecked.

Your pet needs:

- Drain removal in 4-5 days.
- Suture removal in 10-14 days.
- Bandage change/check/removal in _____ days.
- A recheck in _____ days.



Please call us anytime if you have any questions or concerns.