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POST-OPERATIVE CARE OF YOUR PET

Most tablets can be mixed with food and administered in that way. However you should be particularly careful that all the medication is taken. All courses of medication should be completed even if your pet seems better before the end of the course.

When administering tablets to dogs and especially cats it is made much easier by tilting the head backwards so that the nose is pointing to the ceiling and placing the tablet right at the back of the mouth. Close the mouth and with the head still tilted gently rub the throat to encourage swallowing. You could alternatively use a Buster Pill Giver if having trouble giving your pet its course of tablets.

SURGICAL WOUNDS:

After an operation you should look carefully at the incision site which may or may not have stitches. There will inevitably be some tenderness of a surgical wound, this is to be expected. However the surgical wound should not worsen and your pet should not become distressed by it. Some wounds are expected to weep or ooze and the vet will advise you if this is the case. **You should discourage your pet from licking /scratching at their surgical wound** as this can cause inflammation and lead to infection. If your pet pays excessive attention to its wound then it may need to wear a Buster Comfort Collar or some other form of protection and you should contact the vet.

We will endeavour to contact you with any histopathology or blood results due back, if you do not hear from us within 7 days, please call the practice during office hours on (01548) 853322.

EXERCISE:

If your pet has any stitches/staples then all exercise needs to be restricted. For dogs this means all walks should be kept on a lead and kept to a minimum until the stitches / staples are removed. Cats need to be provided with a litter tray and kept indoors so they cannot escape and stretch or strain their stitches/staples. The discharging Vet / Nurse will explain your pet's instructions at the time of collection of your pet. Skin stitches & staples are removed after 10 days.

FEEDING:

If your pet has had a general anaesthetic then it is best to offer only a small amount of their own diet or alternatively You could offer chicken & rice or scramble egg in the evening. The following day you should feed as normal. You should not be unduly concerned if your pet refuses food or is a little sick after feeding on the evening following an anaesthetic. This is quite common. Simply provide water overnight and feed as normal the next day.