

Caring for your Pet

after Eyelid Surgery

Your pet is recovering from anaesthesia and surgery and needs your help!

Please follow these instructions carefully to help ensure a quick, safe recovery for your pet.

If you feel there is an emergency or if you think your pet is suffering complications from their surgery, please contact us on 0420-486-673.



When you get home

1. Your pet may have an anaesthesia "hangover." They may be grumpy, or very reactive to noise, quick motions, bright lights, etc. Please keep them in a quiet, warm place. Keep them separated from other pets and children, and general commotion.
2. You may need to reintroduce food slowly. Offer a small amount of food and water as soon as your pet is fully awake and if they are not nauseous.
3. Take a look at your pet's eyes so that you know what the eyes and surrounding areas look like, that way you will be able to see how it is improving over the coming days or notice any problems.

The most important things

1. Your pet will be fitted with an Elizabethan Collar. This MUST remain on at all times to prevent self trauma through rubbing, scratching or bumping into things. The slightest knock or touch could dislodge the sutures.
2. Limit activity—no running, jumping or playing for 7-10 days. At this time we will need to see your pet for a re-check visit.
3. No swimming, bathing or grooming until the sutures are removed in 10-14 days post surgery.
4. Please give all medications as directed by the Veterinarian or Veterinary Nurse.

The next day

1. Your pet should return to their normal eating and drinking habits.
2. Eyelid swelling is common for several days after surgery.
3. You may notice that if your dog had dark eyelid margins, that these may turn pink after their procedure, however the black colouring typically returns after 6-8 weeks.

Potential complications

With any surgery complications can occur. If you notice any of the following please contact us immediately:

- 🐾 Persistent squinting
- 🐾 Tearing
- 🐾 Excessive ocular discharge
- 🐾 Pale gums
- 🐾 Depression
- 🐾 Vomiting
- 🐾 Diarrhoea
- 🐾 Difficulty urinating
- 🐾 Laboured breathing
- 🐾 Decreased appetite
- 🐾 Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours