

Care after sedation or general anaesthetic

Following a general anaesthetic or sedation, your pet may still be drowsy when you get them home. This is normal, but it is important they are kept warm and that exercise is kept to a minimum for 24hrs.

A small area of hair may have been clipped from the legs and /or neck to allow for the administration of the anaesthetic and for the collection of blood samples. Anaesthesia usually involves placing a breathing tube in the windpipe and occasionally this may cause a little irritation afterwards. You may notice slight coughing, but this should not persist for more than a few days.

Please keep an eye on wounds or dressings. If you notice any problems such as swelling, discharge or redness of the wound, or the dressing has slipped or appears to be uncomfortable, please contact the surgery for further advice.

If medication has been dispensed it should be given as directed and started the morning following surgery, unless otherwise stated.

Feeding

Following sedation / anaesthesia, a small easily digestible meal (e.g. chicken, white fish) should be offered. For your convenience a ready prepared recovery pack is available from the surgery. Please ask a member of staff for details.

Aftercare

Please make an appointment for your pet to have a re-examination where indicated by the vet.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.



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