



# Barbour Lane Animal Hospital

## Home Instructions for Surgery Patients

Your pet has just had surgery and is being released from our care to go home with you. All surgeries are performed by the veterinarian in a sterile environment. While in surgery your pet has had a general anesthetic. Anesthesia allows us to perform surgery in the safest and most painless way. Your pet's incision will have stitches (sutures) on the skin's surface or just below the skin.

We, at Barbour Lane Animal Hospital, want to ensure that your pet will continue to have a peaceful recovery. Please read the following information so that you can better understand how to care for your pet and know what to look for in case a problem should arise.

*Please note the following that applies to your pet:*

- Please keep your pet as quiet as possible for the first twenty-four hours at home
- Do not promote play or encourage activity for ten days
- The first night home give your pet only small amounts (1/4 cup) of water at a time.  
If no vomiting occurs small amounts of food can be offered.
- Should nausea develop (vomiting or gagging), wait until morning to give any food or water
- Please keep the incision dry for ten days following surgery (No baths for 10 days)
- If there is a bandage or cast, keep it dry
- Leash walk for the first 7 days
- Should the incision become infected (i.e. draining pus, hot and swollen, sensitive to touch) please call us at (502) 426-5051
- Should your pet start licking excessively or biting at the wound, call us
- Please return for suture removal in ten days, except for cat neuters or declaws
- Use shredded paper or pellets (Yesterdays News) in litter box for 10 days after declaws

If there is any doubt, do not hesitate to call Barbour Lane Animal Hospital and we will be glad to advise you about your concern. Should a problem develop after office hours, please feel free to call for instructions.