



Fracture Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Surgery: Your pet had a fracture repair of the _____ performed with a _____. Your pet did well under anesthesia and recovered without incident.

Prognosis: After healing takes place, your pet should be able to walk normally again. During times of weather changes or if out in the cold for a while, some pets will experience some discomfort.

Convalescent Period: Most fractures heal in six to eight weeks. Your pet should be touching the toes to the ground at a walk with time (about two weeks). From this point on, the lameness should gradually resolve. If you notice that your pet loses the ability to use the limb give us a call.

Medications:

Diet: Normal

Exercise: Restrict activity for the next 8 weeks. Short leash walks are permitted for urination and bowel movements only. No running, jumping, climbing stairs or roughhousing with other pets or people. Strenuous activity can break down the repair that was performed, and thus prevent successful recovery.

Incision: Please check the incision for signs of infection: redness, swelling, pain or discharge. Do not allow your pet to lick at the incision. An E collar or t-shirt should be used to keep your pet from licking at the incision.

Suture Removal: Please have the sutures removed by Dr. Bruce 10-14 days from the day of surgery. Please make an appointment with Dr. Bruce in that time frame.

Recheck: Please schedule an appointment with Dr. Bruce in 8 weeks after surgery to have radiographs repeated to evaluate healing. This should be a drop off appointment and your pet may need to be sedated for the x-rays. Please do not feed breakfast the morning of the appointment.