



Patella Luxation Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Surgery: Your pet had surgery performed to correct the **[right/left]** patella luxation. Your pet did well under anesthesia and recovered without incident.

Medications:

Diet: Normal

Exercise: Restrict activity for the next 6 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 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 6 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.

Implants: It is common for the pins used in the repair to migrate from the bone within the first 6 months from surgery. If you see swelling at the front of the knee or feel the pins underneath the skin, please recheck with Dr. Bruce. These pins can be pulled once the bone has healed and this is a very minor procedure.