



## **Laryngeal Paralysis Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet**

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**Surgery:** Your pet had a unilateral arytenoid lateralization performed to allow them to breathe better. Your pet did well under anesthesia and recovered without incident.

**Exercise:** Limit activity for the next 2 weeks. Short leash walks are permitted on a leash. No jumping, running, or rough-housing. Do not leave your pet off the leash unattended. Your pet should also be exercise restricted in warm weather as they are predisposed to heat stroke for the rest of their life. Please also switch to a harness and do not allow your pet to swim.

### **Medications:**

**Diet:** Please feed your pet canned food "meatballs" for the next two weeks as they heal. Once healing is complete, your pet can be transitioned back to a normal diet.

**Incision:** Please check the incision for signs of infection: redness, swelling, pain or discharge. Do not allow your pet to scratch at the incision.

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

**Recommendations:** Please closely monitor your pet for any respiratory distress (increased respiratory rate/effort, blue mucous membranes, etc.). If you become concerned with your pet's progress, please call anytime.