



## **Perineal Urethrostomy Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet**

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**Surgery:** Given his recurrent history of urinary tract obstruction, your pet was taken to surgery for a perineal urethrostomy. He did well under anesthesia and recovered without incident.

**Exercise:** Please limit your pet's activity for the next 10-14 days. Cats can be difficult to keep quiet so please confine him to a dog crate, cage, or very small room (such as a bathroom or laundry room) whenever not directly supervised to eliminate/reduce unrestricted activity. A large dog crate that is big enough to contain a litter box is the best way to confine your kitty to prevent trauma to the incision. Please keep him separated from your other animals during that time.

**Litter box special instructions:** Please use either shredded paper to use as litter or a paper pelleted litter such as Yesterday's News. Please avoid dusty litter such as fine clay litter which can clump, stick to the incision, and predispose to infection.

**Medications:**

**Diet:** Normal

**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.

**Biopsy Results:** A culture of the bladder has been submitted to the lab for analysis. These results should be available in 5-7 business days. Also, the stones were submitted for analysis. These results may take up to 1 month to return. We will call you with these results once they are available. These results may lead to further recommendations for your pet's care.

**Recommendations:** Your pet should be seen by a veterinarian if you notice any of the following symptoms: poor appetite, lethargy, vomiting or symptoms of urinary tract blockage (straining in the litter box, excessive licking of his penis, abnormal vocalization).

He should not be allowed to lick or chew at the surgical site. This is very important for normal healing. Please use the Elizabethan collar provided to help prevent this. **He should wear the collar at all times for the next 10-14 days**



Please monitor his ability to urinate. It is not uncommon for there to be a small amount of blood in the urine for several days or even a little longer after this type of surgery. **Please call us immediately if he is not urinating.**

Some bleeding from the surgical site is normal during the early healing period. Do not remove any clots or clean the surgical site directly as this will increase the potential for bleeding. Please call us if the bleeding becomes excessive.