



Abdominal Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Surgery: Your Pet had an exploratory laparotomy performed. 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.

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 or t-shirt should be used to keep your pet from licking 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.

Biopsy Results: A biopsy of the **[organ biopsied]** has been submitted to the lab for analysis. These results should be available in 5-7 business days. We will call you with these results once they are available. These results may lead to further recommendations for your pet's care.

Recommendations: With any incision into the GI tract, there is a potential for leakage. This typically occurs 3-5 days after surgery. The most common clinical signs associated with this complication are vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, and abdominal pain. If you notice any of these signs, please have rechecked. GI leakage is a life-threatening complication that would necessitate a second surgery.