



Mass Removal Surgery Aftercare Information Sheet

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Surgery: Your pet had surgery performed to remove the mass. 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.

Drain Care:

Your pet had a Jackson-Pratt (JP) drain placed during surgery to allow us to remove excess fluid.

You will need to empty the drain twice daily and record the amount produced on the sheet provided.

To empty the drain:

1. Wash your hands before and after emptying the drain.
2. Open the tab on the side of the bulb.
3. Empty the bulb into a measuring container and record the amount.
4. Next, squeeze the bulb until it flattens in the middle and close the tab.
5. Pour the fluid into the toilet to dispose of it

*Please contact the surgery service if you note that the amount of fluid being produced by the drain substantially increases in amount, or if the fluid is changing in appearance.

The drain should be rechecked with Dr. Bruce and the surgery service on _____.
Please bring the log of the amounts produced by the drain.