

AFTERCARE GUIDE THR SURGERY - CANINE



TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY - CANINE

A care guide for your pet
undergoing surgery



About the procedure

Your pet has had surgery to replace their hip joint. After these procedures, most patients recover uneventfully.

To prevent disruption of the prostheses it is very important that your pet is restricted to strict exercise only on a supportive harness and lead for the next 10 weeks. Initially (the first 4 weeks) only allow 5 minutes at a time 4-5 times daily in the garden (always on a lead) then slowly increasing in duration.

We recommend cage or very small room restriction during the recovery stage.

The skin stitches are dissolvable and will not need removal.

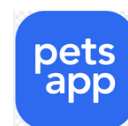
You have been supplied with an Elizabethan collar. **Please ensure this is worn at all times during the first 10 days post operatively.** If you choose to use an inflatable collar rather than the plastic collar provided, please ensure the patient cannot access the wound as these collars tend to be less efficient.

You will have been sent a YouTube link by PetsApp or by email, discussing aftercare for this procedure. Please ensure you and other family/household members have watched the video as this will help to make sure your pet receives the most beneficial support and care while your pet is recovering.

Please be aware, due to the unpredictability of living tissue, coupled with the patient's instinct to clean their wounds and possibly try to take out their own stitches, further treatment may be necessary.

At home recovery

- No free activity (climbing the stairs, running in the garden) is permitted. Failure to rest your pet adequately could result in disruption of the prostheses and the need for further surgery.
- Your pet is being sent home with anti-inflammatory/pain killing drugs. Please give these drugs as directed with food. If your pet shows any signs of vomiting or diarrhoea, please stop this medication immediately. Do not give any other medication without checking with us or your own practice first.
- All details will be uploaded to your pet's records in PetsApp



Follow Up



- We would like to see your pet in 3 weeks to check their progress.
- A full report of the treatment your pet has received has been sent to your own vet.
- If at any time you are concerned about your pet's recovery, please contact us directly for advice (even after hours) as your own vet may not be familiar with this particular procedure.

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KEEP TRACK OF THEIR PROGRESS

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

Day 7

HAVE A CONCERN?

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.