



DOG - Post Operative Discharge Checklist

1. Do not feed your pet until the day after surgery.
2. Your pet can have a small drink of water the same evening of the surgery, but if your pet vomits after drinking, withhold water until the next day. Call our office if vomiting persists.
3. Leash walk only for 10 days after surgery. You may also find it necessary to use your crate and leash more often in the house. **Over activity and jumping could cause suture line breakdown resulting in an open incision!**
4. Do not use tie-outs for your pet for at least 10 days after surgery. Do not leave pets outside unattended.
5. Do not allow the incision to get wet- no bathing or swimming for 10 days.
6. **Do not allow your pet to lick or scratch at incision.** We are dispensing an e-collar for your pet today. Please use it for the next 7 to 10 days (or until suture/staple removal if applicable) to prevent your pet from damaging the incision site.
7. Check the incision area daily for 10 days. Call our office if the incision looks red, puffy, gaping or if there is any drainage.
8. Call our office if your pet is showing any sign of illness.
9. Call our office if your pet is showing any signs of discomfort or pain.
10. Suture/Staple removal Appointment needed: _____
11. Recheck exam needed: _____
12. Follow up Testing needed: _____
13. Special Diet needed: _____

MVAH can be reached at 570-386-3088.

Our office is open for questions:
Monday-Thursday 7:30am to 8:00pm
Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 10:30am

After Hours and Weekend Emergencies:

Valley Central Emergency Clinic 610-435-5588
Located in Whitehall (approximately 40min drive from MVAH)
Animal Emergency Clinic of Wyoming Valley 570-655-3600



Located in Pittston (approximately one hour drive from MVAH)