



## **Post Operative Discharge – With Incision**

1. 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. If tolerating water you may offer a small amount of food. If vomiting, withhold food until the next day. Call our office if vomiting persists or if no interest in food or water the day after surgery.
2. Leash walk only for 10 days after surgery. You may also find it necessary to use your crate more often. **Over activity and jumping could cause suture line breakdown resulting in an open incision!**
3. Do not use tie-outs for your pet for at least 10 days after surgery. Do not leave pets outside unattended.
4. Do not allow the incision to get wet- no bathing or swimming for 10 days.
5. **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.
6. Check the incision area daily for 10 days. Call our office if the incision looks red, puffy, gaping or if there is any drainage.
7. Call our office if your pet is showing any sign of illness.
8. Call our office if your pet is showing any signs of discomfort or pain.
9. Suture/Staple removal Appointment needed: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Recheck exam needed: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Special Diet needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**MVAH can be reached at 570-386-3088.** Our office is open for questions:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30am to 7:00pm

Tuesday 7:30am to 8:00pm

Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm

**After Hours and Weekend Emergencies:**

**NorthEast Veterinary Referral and Emergency Hospital 570-208-8877**

Located in Plains

**Veterinary Emergency and Referral Hospital of the Poconos 570-424-6773**

Located in Stroudsburg

**Valley Central Emergency Clinic 610-435-1553**

Located in Whitehall