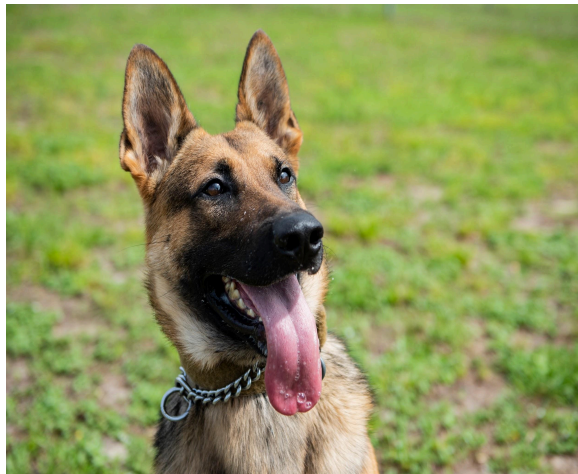


Recovery

From Soft-Tissue Surgery



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your recovering pet should leash walked to eliminate or defecate if they go outside. Please try to keep your pet from doing any jumping, or rough playing as this can irritate the surgical site or cause tearing of the sutures or staples. Please wait 1 hour after arriving home today, and offer 2 cups of water; if your pet does not drink excessively, offer water freely.

For Dogs: Please wait 2-4 hrs. after arriving home, and offer no more than ½ cup of your pet's regular pet food, or special care diet. If vomiting occurs wait until the next morning to reintroduce food. Cats may be free fed, but in an area where appetite may be monitored and competition discouraged..

- Do not bathe your pet for 7 – 10 days following any surgery

- Do not give any medications unless prescribed by a veterinarian

AS A RULE

Generally, surgical incisions take 10 – 14 days to heal. During this time-period, Your pet's incision should look exactly like it does today when you take them home. Your vet would like for you to schedule a follow up appointment for a surgical recheck in 7 – 10 days. Alternatively, routine spay or neuter patients may email a photo or video to office@highlandvet.net . **There is no examination fee for any surgical re-check while your pet is in recovery. Do please call if your pet exhibits the following:**

ABNORMALITIES (PLEASE CALL)

812-867-6651

- Redness
- Swelling
- Removal of sutures or staples
- Pus
- Excessive bleeding
- Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
- Refusal to drink water for more than 24hrs
- Diarrhea for more than 24 hours

