



Post-Operative Instructions: Bone Biopsy- Open Trephine

Summary:

Thank you for trusting your pet to our surgical care. Your pet was diagnosed with a bone lesion. A surgical bone biopsy procedure was performed for diagnosis. The biopsy results will be available in the next several days (some bone submissions require longer laboratory processing times and can take up to a week or more). Your doctor will call you with the results and further treatment recommendations. It is essential to allow your pet time to heal and to avoid injury during recuperation. Please strictly follow the instructions below.

Recovery Instructions:

1. Activity:

- *No running, jumping, free access to stairs, or rough playing with other pets or children.*
- Do not allow any unrestricted or off-leash activity, or free access to stairs or slippery floors.
- Restrict activity for the next 8 weeks to allow complete healing of the surgical site.
- Activity must be limited to very short leash walks three times daily for the purpose of going outside to the bathroom *only*.

2. Incision:

- Monitor the incision daily for signs of infection such as increased redness, swelling or discharge. If you observe any of these signs or if the surgical site suddenly becomes painful to the touch please call us immediately.
- If your pet licks the incision, he/she must wear an E-collar until the staples are removed as licking can provide a source of infection.
- Keep the incision clean and dry (do not apply anything to the incision). No bathing or swimming for 14 days.

3. Medications:

- Give all medications as directed and call us if you believe your pet is having an adverse reaction to any of the prescriptions.
- If your pet loses his/her appetite, begins vomiting or develops diarrhea or dark/tarry stool please call us immediately.

4. Food:

- Your pet should have access to water at all times and eat their normal diet.

5. Recheck:

- Please schedule an appointment for suture/staple removal 10-12 days after surgery.

6. Questions:

- Our foremost interest is your pet's rapid and complete recovery: Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.