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Abscess Discharge Information

Monitoring:

Your pet may be sleepy for the rest of the day. Let them relax somewhere inside, warm, and quiet away from other animals. Offer them food and water, but they may not be interested as the anesthesia will be wearing off in their system; they should want to eat the following day. If your pet does not eat after 24hrs, starts to vomit, or becomes lethargic, please call MSAH at (719) 539-2533 between 8:30AM – 5PM, or if after hours, please see our website for information about emergencies.

Abscesses are left open so as not to trap in infection. The wound will granulate in/close over the course of several weeks. It is normal for an abscess to drain blood or discharge for 5-7 days after surgery. You can use a warm washcloth to gently clean the wound. If it is under a bandage, check that the bandage is not too tight/constricting. Your pet may be sent home with an e-collar/cone to prevent them from licking, scratching, or rubbing at the wound.

Exercise:

Please wait at least 48hrs post-surgery before allowing your pet to exercise. Do not let your pet swim; they can be bathed but do not get soap or spray water in the wound.

Medication:

Please give any prescribed medications according to the label's instructions. Please finish antibiotics.

Follow-up Care:

We do not need to see your pet back for suture removal or follow-up visits unless otherwise specified.

If instructed, please apply a warm water washcloth compress to the wound for at least 5minutes twice daily, or 10mins once daily until the wound closes.

If your pet has a bandage, please try to keep that bandage on for 10-14 days, or however long instructed by Dr. Ryff. If the bandage gets wet or slides off, please call us because we may need to replace it.

If you pet had a drain placed, those typically stay in for 5-7 days, or until there is no more drainage, and then they need to be removed.

Call us to schedule a bandage or drain removal, or just walk-in.

If you pet needs a cone, please leave it on at all times, especially when you are unable to watch them (when at work, sleeping, etc).

If you're unsure about how a wound looks, you can email us a picture at mountainshadows@ymail.com or text us a picture at (719) 539-2533.

If you have any questions regarding your pet's health, please call us at MSAH