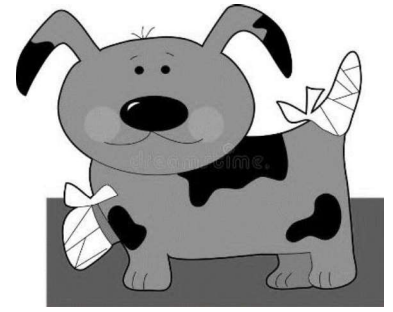


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Dewclaw Removal/Tail Doc Discharge Information

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.

It is normal for an incision to ooze a small amount of blood the day of surgery. For the first 2-3days post-surgery, observe the pet's paws for bleeding through the bandages. Once the bandages have been removed, check your pet's paws daily for swelling or discharge until the sutures are removed.

Exercise:

Please try to prevent your pet from jumping on or off of furniture/out the vehicle for at least the first 5 days post-surgery. Keep bandage DRY by putting a trash bag/clingwrap/grocery bag over the bandaged paws when it is wet outside. Keep your pet's activity level low for at least 10days post-surgery

Do not let your pet swim or be bathed until the sutures are removed.

Medication:

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

Follow-up Care:

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

Sutures must be removed about 3 weeks after the date of surgery. Call us to schedule a bandage and/or suture removal if an appointment was not made at time of pick-up, or just walk-in.

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