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Aural Hematoma 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 few days post-surgery, observe for bleeding through the bandage. Please keep your dog from shaking their head by keeping a cone on at all times. Check the bandage daily for oozing, sliding, or to see if the affected ear came loose. We will need to re-bandage ear if that is the case. Your pet will need an e-collar/cone to prevent them from licking, scratching, or rubbing at the incision.

Exercise:

Please wait at least 48hrs post-surgery before allowing your pet to exercise to help reduce swelling.

Do not let your pet swim; they can be bathed but do not get soap or spray water on the ear bandage.

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 will need to replace it.

If your 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