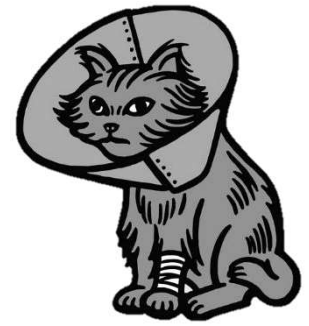


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Laceration Discharge Information

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. You can use a water-dampened washcloth or peroxide to gently clean the site, and on later days if the incision gets dirty. Check the incision daily for redness, swelling, discharge, or missing sutures or suture reaction. If it is under a bandage, check that the bandage is not too tight/constricting. Your pet may need an e-collar/cone to prevent them from licking, scratching, or rubbing at the incision.

Exercise:

If the laceration is in a location of high mobility (groin/inner thigh, armpit) do not allow your pet to resume normal exercise for at least 14days or until suture removal. Dogs can be taken outside on a leash to minimize activity. If the laceration is in an area of low mobility (ear, side of chest) your pet may resume normal activity after 48hrs.

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:

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.

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/drain/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