

Mountain Shadows Animal Hospital  
9171 US Hwy 50 West, Salida CO 81201  
(719) 539-2533  
Mntnshadowsanimalhospital.com  
mountainshadows@ymail.com



## TTA, Orthopedic Surgery, or Amputation 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 next 14days, observe your pet's bandage for bleeding. If significant bleeding is seen through the bandage, please call us at MSAH. Your pet may need an e-collar/cone to prevent them from licking, scratching, or rubbing at the incision.

### Exercise:

For the first week after surgery, your pet should not run, jump, or play roughly with other animals. Dogs can be taken out for bathroom breaks on a leash to minimize activity. Please support your pet if it needs help getting up out of bed, up steps, or into the vehicle by supporting it under the abdomen with a towel or liftstrap, or look in to getting a ramp for the vehicle, or steps for the bed.

By the second week, you may begin letting them roam the yard more but no jumping and try to discourage running. Short walks can be incorporated by the third week and the distance slowly increased over the following weeks, but still try to discourage intense activity until at least 3 months post-surgery, or longer if instructed otherwise.

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 the bandage on for 10-14 days. If the bandage gets wet or slides off, please call us because we may need to replace it. Please call us for a recheck visit to get the bandage 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; please call us to schedule suture removal, or walk-in.

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