Boulevard Animal Hospital

PostOperative Instructions for Perineal Urethrostomy (PU) Surgery

Dear Pet Owner,

Thank you for trusting Boulevard Animal Hospital with your pet’s Perineal Urethrostomy (PU) surgery. Below are the important postoperative care instructions to ensure a smooth recovery. Please follow these carefully and contact us with any questions or concerns.

1. General Care

Limit activity for the first 10–14 days following surgery to allow for proper healing. Keep your pet indoors and restrict running, jumping, or playing.

Confine your pet to a small, comfortable area where they cannot overexert themselves or access potentially harmful objects.

Monitor your pet’s behavior and overall wellbeing closely. If you notice any signs of distress, discomfort, or unusual behavior, contact us immediately.

2. Wound and Surgical Site Care

Do not attempt to clean or manipulate the surgical site. The incision area will be monitored during follow-up visits by our veterinary team.

Monitor for signs of infection such as increased redness, swelling, discharge, or a foul odor at the incision site.

Avoid licking or chewing the surgical site: An Elizabethan collar (cone) should be worn at all times to prevent this.

Check the surgical site daily for any signs of complication or changes. If you notice excessive swelling, redness, or discharge, contact Boulevard Animal Hospital right away.

3. Urinary Care and Monitoring

Monitor urination closely. Some pets may experience temporary incontinence or changes in their urination habits after PU surgery. This is common in the first few days but should gradually improve.

Keep the area clean and dry: If your pet experiences any incontinence, gently clean the area around the incision to prevent skin irritation.

Watch for signs of urinary tract issues: If you notice straining, blood in the urine, or difficulty urinating, please contact us immediately.

4. Medications

Pain relief: Your pet will likely be prescribed pain medication. Administer it as directed, and make sure your pet completes the entire course.

Antibiotics: If your pet is prescribed antibiotics, it is important to give the full course as directed to prevent infection.

Other prescribed treatments: If your veterinarian has provided additional medications (such as topical treatments or other postop care instructions), please follow them carefully.

5. Monitoring for Complications

While most pets recover well after PU surgery, it’s important to watch for signs of complications, including:

Excessive swelling or redness around the incision site

Abnormal discharge (e.g., pus or blood) from the surgical site

Severe pain or signs of discomfort, including whining, restlessness, or difficulty urinating

Vomiting, loss of appetite, or lethargy that persists for more than 24 hours

If you observe any of these signs, please call us immediately.

6. Follow-up Appointments

A follow-up appointment will be scheduled 710 days post-surgery to evaluate the healing process, check the surgical site, and remove any sutures, if applicable.

During the follow-up, we will assess your pet's overall recovery and make adjustments to the treatment plan, if necessary.

7. Long-term Care and Considerations

Dietary changes: If your pet had recurrent urinary issues before the surgery, your veterinarian may recommend dietary changes to prevent future urinary problems.

Weight management: Maintaining a healthy weight is essential to prevent undue pressure on the surgical area and to promote overall health.

Continued observation: Some pets may require further treatment or monitoring over the coming weeks, depending on their recovery progress. Be sure to follow any longterm care instructions provided by our team.

Contact Us

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Boulevard Animal Hospital at [Phone Number] or visit our website for additional information. We're here to assist you every step of the way.

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Thank you for entrusting us with your pet’s care. We are committed to ensuring a smooth recovery and improved quality of life for your pet.