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Aural Hematoma Discharge Instructions

07-05-24

Zeus

Zeus has just had a corrective procedure to resolve an aural hematoma. This surgical procedure required general anesthesia to inspect, sample, and clean the ear canals, prep the ear, make drain holes, drain and flush the hematoma, remove mature fibrin and blood clots, and mattress suture the ear

Once you get Zeus home you should remember:

- Your pet may still be a little groggy for up to 24 hours after the anesthetic. It is important to remember to watch them closely around stairs or any other areas where they may injure themselves.
- Tonight only feed 1/2 of the normal volume of food. Anesthesia can slow the movement of food in the digestive tract and cause an upset stomach. Tomorrow regular feeding patterns & amounts are fine.
- Please limit all excessive exercise for 14-21 days or until sutures are removed in 14 to 21. The incision should be kept clean & dry.
- You must check the incision daily. There should be no pockets of fluid beneath the skin, but if one develops, please call us ASAP
- Please ensure that your pet receives all meds as they have been directed.
- **Prevent any scratching** of the incision by using an E-collar or some other device.
- Sutures are to be removed free of charge in 14-21 days. Please give us a call to book that appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us as soon as possible. And please notify us immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Your pet is scratching incision excessively and there is redness or discharge noticed.
- If your pet has persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- If your pet refuses to eat after the first day or becomes depressed.
- If you have any other questions or concerns..

Thank you for allowing us to care for Zeus. If you have any concerns after hours please contact the Animal Emergency Clinic at 905-576-3031