



**Belton Veterinary Clinic  
707 W. Loop 121  
Belton, Texas 76513**



**Special Instructions for Post-  
Surgical Care**

**For Emergency After Hours, Call: (254) 939-1884**

**Your pet has had general anesthesia and major surgery. Your care for the next ten days is essential to your pet's recovery.**

**YOUR PET NEEDS A SAFE, QUIET AND CLEAN PLACE TO RECOVER!**

- 1. LOOK AT THE INCISION FREQUENTLY. WATCH FOR SWELLING, REDNESS, OR DRAINAGE. DO NOT LET YOUR PET CHEW ON THE STITCHES. We have collars for sale if you need one to prevent them from chewing. If your pet chews out the stitches, call us at the number listed above. The cost of re-suturing is your responsibility.**
- 2. The anesthetic will be wearing off in the next 12 to 24 hours. He or she may act sleepy or disoriented. WE ADVISE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR PET IN A SMALL CONFINED AREA SUCH AS A CARRIER OR CRATE DURING THIS TIME.**
- 3. It is good to wait until the following morning before offering food and water. You may be able to give your pet some crushed ice to lick on. It is not unusual for dogs to vomit within the first 24 hours after surgery. Keep in mind the less a pet has in its stomach, the less they will vomit.**
- 4. Keep your pet indoors. PROTECT THEM FROM GETTING COLD, OVERHEATED OR WET. Prevent them from jumping, running, or playing with children or other animals.**
- 5. If your pet has sutures, please return in 14 days for suture removal.**