

Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital

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Discharge Instructions

2/7/2023

Patient Name:

Description:

Owner Name:

Pet Weight:

Please refer to the detailed handout for information about the orthopedic procedure _____ underwent yesterday. Following any orthopedic procedure, it is very important to adhere to the after care instructions.

Monitor _____'s incision daily for any redness or swelling. Do not allow _____' to lick or chew the sutures. Please use an E-collar to prevent any licking or chewing.

Schedule an appointment in 10-14 days for suture removal and a recheck with a Doctor.

Give all medications as directed.

Anterior Cruciate Surgery

Restrict all activity for the next 8 weeks, no running, jumping or off-leash play. The first two weeks following surgery _____ should be taken outside on leash only to go to the bathroom, no walks. At this time, most patients are toe-touching. Following the initial two week period, leash walking may be increased to 10 minutes twice a day. After four weeks, you may increase leash walk times as long as _____ is comfortable. At this stage, most patients are partially weight bearing. Excessive activity can result in breakage of the suture stabilizing the joint, where as slow leash walking encourages the use of the affected limb. Reduce the quantity of food while your pet's activity is reduced to help maintain an ideal body weight.

***Thank you for giving Bayleaf Veterinary Hospital the opportunity to care for your pet!!
Please do not hesitate to call our office (919) 848-1926 for any questions or concerns.***