POST-OPERATIVE/POST-ANESTHESIA INSTRUCTIONS

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If your pet is being discharged the day of the procedure, you may find him/her to be a little quieter than usual. This is normal! Danger signs are:
- pale, qhostly white gums
- rapid breathing
- extreme lethargy and depression
- excessive bleeding from incision site

If pets are not back to normal within 48 hours of surgery, let us know.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POST-OPERATIVE PAIN YOUR ANIMAL MAY BE EXPERIENCING. WE ROUTINELY USE PAIN Rx POST-OP.1

CONFINEMENT
No excessive running, jumping or climbing stairs; leash walks only, no jumping on or off furniture for a few days.

FEEDING
To prevent vomiting, do not offer any food or water for hours after going home. Then offer small amounts of water, then about 1/3 of what you normally feed. Don't be concerned if pets are not eating the day of or even the day after surgery. Appetite should be back to normal within 48 hours.

If pets have just had dentals or mouth surgery, observe above, but offer liquids like beef or chicken broth as the first meal, then soft food for about 5 days.

INCISION
Suture removal may or may not be necessary: *Please follow instructions given the day of surgery.

Check the incision daily for redness, discharge or excessive   swelling. Some swelling may be present for a week or two, but the incision area should be smooth and normal looking by about 3-4 weeks after surgery. *IF NOT, LET US KNOW*.

Prevent excessive licking of incision area. A special collar and/or medication may be necessary if this becomes a problem. BATH CAN BE GIVEN 5 DAYS AFTER SURGERY.

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Use shredded paper or special post-surgical litter like "Yesterday's News" cat litter for 7-10 days and up to 14 days if scoopable or clumping litter is used.

Declawed cats do seem sore at first but should walk better and better every day.

RECHECK EXAM may be needed, check with Dr. St.Germain. (Exam is no charge, but medication or bandaging may be extra.)