

Post-Operative Instructions: Tumor removal

Food and water: After your pet has returned home, wait an hour or two before offering small portions of his/her normal food and water. Do not be alarmed if vomiting occurs; occasionally anesthesia will cause this. Normal feeding should resume the following day.

Eliminations: It is normal for a pet not to have a bowel movement or to have loose stools for 24-36 hours after surgery.

Exercise and activity: Strenuous exercise should be avoided for three to four days. Please try to prevent any running or jumping to allow your pet's incision site to heal.

Medications: Pain medication is sent home with you pet; please give it as advised.

Biopsy reports: If the mass has been sent to an outside lab for testing, the results should be back in five to seven business days. The doctor will go over the results with you during the suture removal appointment, or call our office for the results.

Sutures: Your pet will need to have sutures removed in seven days. Please call our office for an appointment.

Notify the hospital if the following occurs for more than one day:

- Loss of appetite and/or thirst
- Extreme weakness or depression
- Excessive vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Infection of the surgical site (redness, pain, severe swelling, pus or drainage)