



## Exercise

Your pet needs restricted exercise after surgery; the duration will vary depending on the type of procedure, so your Vet will advise what is right for their specific needs.

Dogs should be limited to short lead exercise until you are advised otherwise; and you should restrict them from jumping up and down as much as possible. Cats should be kept indoors until advised otherwise. You will need to provide them with a litter tray.

## Medication

Your pet may have been provided with medication which was explained thoroughly on discharge.

Please read the directions carefully. If they have any vomiting or diarrhoea please stop this medication and contact your veterinary surgery.

## Post-operative checks

You will need to make an appointment for post-operative checks 3 days and 10 days after surgery, or as advised on discharge.

Further checks and follow-up X-rays will be arranged by your Vet. If you are worried in between appointments, please contact The Pet Vet at any time.



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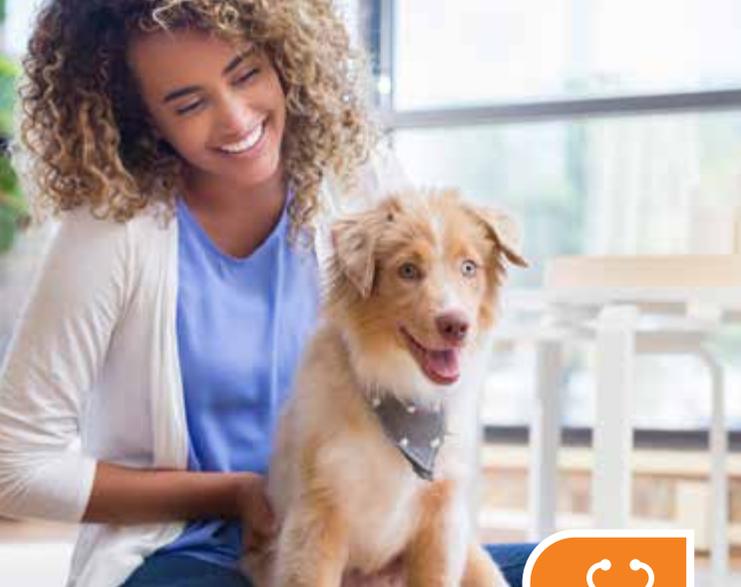
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## Orthopaedic Surgery

Post-operative instructions

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## Surgery

Your pet has had orthopaedic surgery today to treat a disorder in the bones, joints or associated soft tissues.

Now that they are home, here are a few things you can do to make them feel more comfortable.

## Anaesthetic recovery

Your pet has experienced a general anaesthetic and so may appear quite tired and uncomfortable for the next 24 hours; this is to be expected and they should be back to normal after this time.

Provide a warm, draught-free bed and do not allow interference from other pets or children.

Sometimes there will be a soft cough because of the breathing tube that is placed during anaesthesia. This will sometimes take a few days to subside. Please contact us if you are concerned.

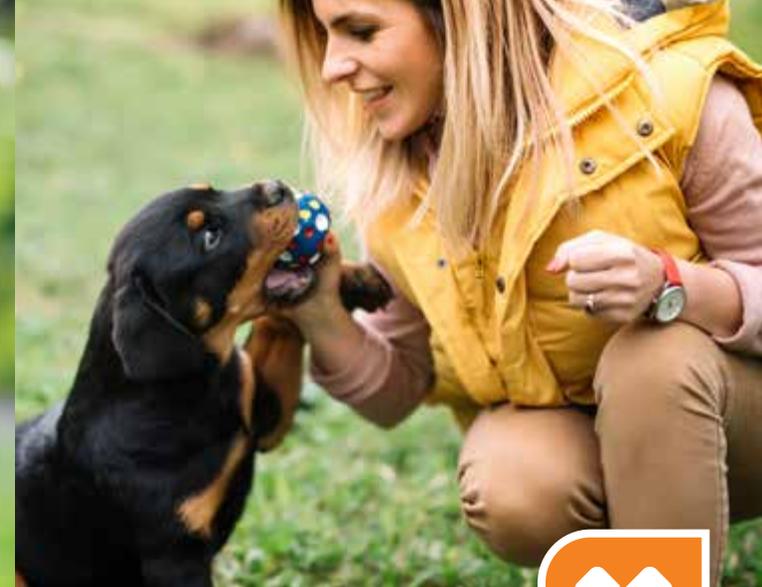


## Food & water

Please make sure your pet has access to fresh water at all times.

We recommend gastrointestinal food (available in the surgery) to be given for 48 hours post-operatively, which helps the digestive system after the anaesthetic. If your pet doesn't like this diet, you can offer them something light such as boiled white fish, chicken or boiled rice. Don't worry if your pet doesn't respond to food straightaway; they don't always want to eat after an anaesthetic.

If you have had specific feeding instructions from your Vet please follow these.



## Wounds

Monitor your pet's wound for any redness, swelling or discharge.

It is very important that your pet cannot lick or chew their wound. We advise you to use a buster collar or medical pet shirt to prevent interference until otherwise advised by your Vet. If your pet has stitches or staples, they need to be removed in 10-14 days.

Bathing should be avoided until the wound is completely healed. If in doubt please contact us for advice.

## Dressings

**If your pet has a dressing on, this must be kept clean and dry at all times.**

If the dressing becomes soiled or wet please contact the surgery as soon as possible to arrange for it to be changed.