Tooth Extraction(s) After Care Instructions

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Your pet..... has had a thorough oral assessment and tooth extraction(s) performed today.

Your pet has been given preoperative pain relief and has had dental nerve block(s) performed prior to the tooth extraction(s). Your pet also has had post-operative pain relief, and this may be continued in the form of take home medications.

Immediately after

When you pick your pet up from hospital, your pet may be drowsy and may want to sleep when you return home. This is quite normal following a general anaesthetic. The drowsiness may last up to 12-24 hours. Your pet should be kept quiet and warm and indoors. Your pet should return back to normal by the next day. Make certain that your pet is passing urine and returns to normal bowel habits. Your pet's appetite should return within 24 hours.

Feeding

For the next 5-7 days, the extraction site(s) need to be protected from contamination. This will require some alteration to your pet's diet (unless your pet is on a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian, then do not alter this diet). We recommend feeding small chunks of beef or chicken for the next 5-7 days. No hard or dry food, no treats, and no bones.

Usually, your pet will have some dissolving sutures placed post tooth extraction. These sutures can take up to 3 weeks to dissolve. You may see some blood tinged saliva for up to 48 hours post extraction. This is normal.

Medications

Your pet may require ongoing pain medication, post tooth extraction(s). Your pet may also require antibiotics to be given at home. All medications will be dispensed prior to you taking your pet home.

Exercise

We advise no exercise for the first 48 hours, following tooth extraction(s) and then, usually, light exercise can be introduced. If you are uncertain, please consult with your primary veterinarian.

Recheck

We normally advise a revisit with your primary veterinarian in around 10-14 days, post extraction(s). This recheck visit should be arranged with your primary practice, prior to taking your pet home. It can take up to 3 weeks for the extraction site to be fully healed.

Ongoing dental care

Gum (periodontal) disease is common in our pets, and like for us, removal of plaque bacteria on a regular basis is important to maintain good oral health. There are special toothbrushes and toothpastes designed for our pets. Please consult with your primary veterinarian on the best way to prevent or manage gum disease in your pet.

If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact your primary care veterinary practice, or contact us via email or mobile phone number

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