



Post Dental and IV Anesthesia Care

Following a general anaesthetic or heavy sedation your pet may take a while to fully recover. Some pets recover very quickly, while others take a little longer. If you have any concerns please contact the surgery or one of the after hours services listed below. Your pet may be a little unsteady on its feet, sleepy and may shiver a little following a general anaesthetic. **Please keep them inside and warm on their first night as they are not able to maintain their body temperature as they normally would.**

Occasionally a mild cough that lasts 24 - 48 hours may occur and is due to irritation caused by the endotracheal tube used during anaesthesia to maintain your pet's airway. If this cough persists please contact the surgery.

FOOD & WATER:

Initially offer only small quantities of water as your pet may drink excessively and vomit if too much water is available at once.

If your pet is quite bright by the time your pet would normally eat its evening meal, is holding down small drinks of water and appears to be looking for food, offer a small meal.

Do not be surprised or upset if your pet does a single vomit during the first evening after the anaesthetic as this is not unusual, but withhold any further food until the next day. If vomiting continues through the evening please seek after hours veterinary attention. Please contact the surgery if your pet is not eating within 12-24 hours

EXTRACTIONS: If your pet has had any extractions then feed cubes of fresh boneless meat for 3-5 days. Avoid any type of minced meat as pieces may get lodged in the space/s where the tooth was removed. Biscuits may be too hard at this stage for your pet to chew and should be reintroduced with the advice of your veterinarian or nurse.

We do not routinely recommend feeding bones - do not feed bones during the recovery period.

DIET:

- Hills Prescription T/d
- Advance Dental
- Royal Canin Dental

RAW BONES: We do not routinely recommend feeding bones. Please have a detailed discussion with your veterinarian if you are considering feeding bones. An information sheet is also available.

PREVENTATIVE CARE:

- Greenies
- Tooth Brushing
- Maxigard- Oral Clensing gel
- Healthy Mouth Oral liquid

MEDICATION: Please ensure you know when to begin giving any required medications and then give the entire course. Make sure you know how to administer it; if unsure, please ask.

PAIN RELIEF: Your pet will have been given medication that would be expected to provide sufficient pain relief following surgery. Some more sensitive animals require more pain relief. If during the post-operative (after surgery) period you are worried that your pet is uncomfortable please contact the surgery so that we can discuss additional pain relief options.

SUTURES: Sutures used in the mouth will dissolve and usually do not need removing. Sometimes a suture will produce a loose end that can be annoying causing licking, lip smaking or pawing at the mouth. Please arrange a check up if you are concerned.

HAIR: The hair or fur that has been clipped (from the surgery site, where the anaesthetic has been given, where a blood sample has been taken or where intravenous catheters have been placed) usually regrows in 6 - 8 weeks

After Hours Veterinary Care:

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call us.

Wayville Animal Hospital - 8351 6066
321 Young Street Wayville, SA, 5034
Mon and Wed-Fri: 8am-7pm
Tue: 8am-9pm
Sat: 8am-1pm

Unley Veterinary Surgery - 8272 3400
36 Unley Road Unley, SA, 5061
Mon-Wed and Fri: 8am-7pm
Thu: 8am-9pm
Sat: 8am-1pm

Fulham Gardens Animal Hospital - 8355 5475
441 Tapleys Hill Road, Fulham Gardens, SA, 5024
Mon- Fri: 8am-9pm
Sat: 8am-5pm
Sun: 10am-4pm

Our Fulham Gardens Animal Hospital is open extended hours; Weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays until 5pm and Sundays until 4pm. They will have full access to your pet's patient history and relevant details during these times.

Outside of these times veterinary care is available at:

Adelaide Animal Emergency & Referral Centre

Location: 119 Anzac Hwy, Kurralta Park SA 5037
Phone: 8371 0333

Adelaide Veterinary Referral & Specialist Centre

Location: 102 Magill Road, Norwood SA 5067
Phone: 8132 0533