**General Anesthetic Aftercare**

Your pet, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has undergone a general anesthetic for a/an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today.

**Tonight:**

It is important to keep your pet indoors in a quiet area away from other pets and hazards such as stairs and high places. For dogs, short trips outside to go to the bathroom are okay. For cats, litter pan usage can resume as before.

Offer a small amount of water and food (about ¼ the usual amount) before bedtime. Offering only a small amount helps to reduce the chance of vomiting.

**Tomorrow:**

Eating, drinking and activities can resume as before.

Your pet has received an injection of medication to prevent discomfort. Depending on the extent of the procedure, there may be a few more days of pain medication going home with him or her. If your pet is showing signs of discomfort (lethargy, depression, not eating) please contact the clinic.

Do not give your pet any human pain relievers.

***What is normal?*** Some tenderness Needing a little more rest than normal for a day or two Some swelling, redness and seepage from a surgery site for the first few days.

***When should you be concerned and contact the clinic?***Persistant vomiting Total lack of interest in food Extreme tiredness Large lump on a surgery site Drainage from a surgery site that lasts more than a few days You cannot prevent your pet from licking or scratching at the surgery site

Sutures, if present, can be removed in 14 days. Please book an appointment. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions.