



## A HSR GUIDE TO

# Discharge Instructions Post-Anaesthetic

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### Things to look out for:

Your pet maybe drowsy when you get home. This is normal after a general anaesthetic and it may take 24-48 hours for your pet to recover completely. We would advise to keep your pet on a lead during this time and avoid letting them use the stairs unsupervised.

You may notice various small areas of hair have been clipped from one or more legs and/or the neck. This is to allow for the administration of the anaesthetic, and/or for the collection of blood samples.

The anaesthetic involves placing a breathing tube in the airway and occasionally this may cause a little irritation afterwards. You may also notices light coughing, but this usually resolves after a day or two without any specific treatment.



### Eating and Drinking

Water should be available at all times.

You can offer your pet food and water as normal, occasionally some animals do not eat for sometime following an anaesthetic, but if you have any concerns please call us for advice.

We expect all animals to urinate within 24 hours of going home, and to defaecate within 1-2 days. Please call if your pet has not urinated by tomorrow morning/midday or they show any signs of discomfort, straining, becomes quiet or lethargic.

**Further Information Overleaf, Please Turn Over**



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### Important Things to Remember

If your pet has a coloured bandage (vet wrap) on their leg where the IV was placed, **please remove this within 30 minutes of discharge.**

Please **use the Elizabethan (Buster) collar at all times if dispensed** unless your surgeon instructs you to do otherwise.

Medications dispensed should be given as detailed on the Medication Prescribed sheet, if applicable.



If you have any worries at all, please call us on [01494 578566](tel:01494578566)



Last taken outside at: \_\_\_\_\_

Urine passed: Y / N      Faeces passed: Y / N

Last fed at: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of food: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount eaten: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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