



## Dental Scaling and Polishing Surgical After Care Instructions

Discharge instructions for \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Diet:

Anesthesia can cause nausea and vomiting so please refrain from feeding immediately after any surgical procedure. Feed only a small amount (about half) of her regular diet this evening after 7 pm. You can feed as usual the following day. Do not change your pet's diet at this time. This includes feeding table scraps, new treats or any other human food. After a dental procedure there may be a small amount of bleeding from the gums, especially after eating/chewing. Do not allow your pet to chew on rawhides or rope toys for 7 days after procedure.

### Exercise and Activity

**Keep your pet quiet.** Patients' recovering from surgery should have limited exercise. Avoid dangerous situations including access to staircases.

### Monitor:

A decrease in activity or appetite for 1-2 days may be observed. However if your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, please notify your regular veterinarian:

- Loss of appetite for more than 24 hours
- Refusal to drink water for more than 24 hours
- Labored breathing or pale gums
- Severe depression, weakness or pain
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Difficulty urinating

Many patients may not have a bowel movement for 24-36 hours after surgery-this is normal.

### Medications:

Please give medications as prescribed for pain control. Please do not give any other medications (prescription, over the counter or herbal) without first consulting with your regular veterinarian. **DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN.**

Today your pet also received:

Microchip      Rabies Vaccine      Distemper combination vaccine

If you have any concerns following surgery, please contact your regular veterinary clinic or Central Wisconsin Animal Emergency Center at 715-693-6934.