

Manlius Veterinary Hospital

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Mattie did great for the procedure today and will need special care to make sure there is a full and uneventful recovery.

Anesthesia: Due to anesthesia, you may notice that Mattie is a little groggy for the next 12-24 hours. Please make sure Mattie is kept somewhere that they won't fall or hurt themselves until the anesthesia is fully out of their system. A tube was placed in the trachea for anesthesia, also. You may notice a slight cough for the next few days.

Extractions: Mattie had extractions today. Expect the mouth to be a little sensitive and sore for a few days. A small amount of bleeding may occur, but should stop within the next 24-48 hours. You may even notice small amounts of blood in the water bowl or in the saliva.

Diet: To help ensure that the mouth heals well and surgery sites do not become infected, it is important that you feed only soft food and do not allow play with treats or toys. This may mean you need to hide favorite toys until the mouth has completely healed. In terms of diet, you can continue to feed the normal diet to help avoid GI upset and diarrhea. If it is a canned diet no change is needed. If it is kibble, you can soak it in hot water for 10 minutes and mash it up to make it soft for at least the next 7-10 days. Home care can be started after the dental recheck. This can include brushing the teeth every day, a daily water additive, or dental chews to help maintain healthy gums. Only feed Mattie about half of the normal diet tonight. If it is eaten and no vomiting within an hour you can give the other half. Please also limit water initially. Vomiting after eating or drinking too much is not uncommon after being fasted or after sedation/anesthesia.

Activity: There are no activity restrictions once Mattie is fully recovered from anesthesia.

Incision Care: We like to monitor the healing of the mouth with a complimentary recheck exam two weeks after the procedure. Please contact the front desk to schedule this appointment if it was not scheduled at the time of your discharge.

Medication: The next dose of Mattie's pain medication (Deramaxx, Metacam, or Onsior) can be found on the prescription label. If you feel Mattie is still in pain, please let us know and additional pain medication can be prescribed.

Thank you for allowing us to provide Mattie with the best care possible. We wish them a quick and easy recovery. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 682-200. For after hour care, please call the Veterinary Medical Center at 446-7933.