

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.

Sedation/Anesthesia: Due to sedation/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 sedation/anesthesia is 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.

Diet: Only feed Mattie about half of the normal diet tonight. If it is eaten and does not vomit 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: Please keep Mattie calm for the next 10-14 days while the incision is healing. This includes no running, jumping, and minimizing stairs (controlled leash walking up and down stairs). Please leash walk them when going out for bathroom breaks. A medication called Trazodone can be used to help keep Mattie calm during the recovery. Do not give a bath or allow swimming during this time. If Mattie is an outdoor pet, they will need to be kept inside the night after the surgery and ideally during the recovery period (at least 5-7 days minimum).

Incision Care: Mattie's has skin suture that will need to be removed in 10-14 days. Some redness and swelling can be normal after surgery and with healing. Monitor the incision daily for pain, redness, swelling, discharge (blood or pus), and opening of the incision. A small amount of clear fluid may ooze from the incision and is considered normal. Also, watch for excessive swelling under the skin. This is a sign that Mattie is too active and needs restricted activity. Please keep Mattie from licking, chewing, rubbing or pulling at the incision. An e-collar should be worn at all times. A t-shirt can be used to cover incisions if they are located on the chest or back to help prevent Mattie and housemates from licking the surgical site.

Medication: The next dose of Mattie's pain medication (Deramaxx or Metacam) can be found on the prescription label. Mattie may be sent with a medication to help keep calm during recovery. If so you can start the sedative (Trazodone) tonight if needed. If additional medication is being sent home, please read the prescription label for directions and when the next dose is due to be given.

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.