

Post-Dental Discharge Instructions

Patient: _____ **Procedure:** _____

Doctor: _____ **Date:** _____

Food & Water: Anesthesia can cause nausea. Normal amounts of food and water may cause vomiting. Please wait a few hours then offer a small amount of water. If they drink without vomiting, offer more. If your pet is hungry, feed ¼ - ½ of what you normally feed.

Exercise: After dentistry/extractions your pet's activity level may be normal. He/she may be groggy for up to 12 hours.

- Moderate exercise restrictions – keep indoors, leash walks, no running or jumping for _____ days.
- Allow normal activity

Extractions: An Elizabethan collar may be sent home to prevent your pet from pawing at their face.

- E-collar to be worn:
 - At all times for 2 weeks
 - When unsupervised
- To protect sutures – no hard food for 14 weeks
- To protect sutures - no bones or chew toys for 30 days

Bandage: Remove light bandage (where IV catheter was placed) about one hour after discharge.

Medication: Give as directed on label: Medication/Purpose

- Begin this evening (1)_____ ; (2)_____ ; (3)_____
- Purpose or Type: (1)_____ ; (2)_____ ; (3)_____
- Begin tomorrow am (1)_____ ; (2)_____ ; (3)_____
- Purpose or Type: (1)_____ ; (2)_____ ; (3)_____

Follow-Up Care: These appointments are typically no-charge appointments unless anesthesia is required.

- Sutures are internal and will dissolve, suture removal not needed
- Recheck extraction sites & sutures in 3-5 days

Special Instructions:

*For daytime emergencies contact: Windsor Animal Hospital 707-838-3031 between 8:00am – 6:00pm
**For night emergencies contact: Animal Care Center 707-584-4343 between 6:00pm – 8:00am