



## **General Soft Tissue (Mass Excision/Anal Sacculectomy/Salivary Mucocele)**

### **INCISIONAL CARE:**

Please monitor the incision twice daily for the first 10-14 days after surgery. Some minor swelling, draining, and bruising is to be expected, but if it is worsening or seems excessive please contact us or your Veterinarian immediately.

Please perform cool compresses for the first 24-48 hours. These can be performed using ice packs wrapped in a towel or a hand towel that has been refrigerated in cold water. Place the compress on the surgical site/incision for 10-15 minutes, 2-3 times a day. After 48 hours, please switch to warm compresses. Warm compresses should be performed 2-3 times a day, for 10-15 minutes each. Use a wash cloth or hand towel placed under warm water. If it is too warm for you to the touch, it is too warm to place on your pet.

### **EXERCISE RESTRICTION:**

Your pet will need to have restricted activity and be under confinement until the time of suture removal. This means that he or she should be confined to a small room or kennel at all times. Dogs may be taken outside for elimination only until released by Dr. Stoll or your Veterinarian.

### **WHAT TO LOOK FOR:**

Incision complications can be serious. Therefore it is important to keep your pet from licking the incision line. When not directly supervised, it will be necessary for your pet to wear an Elizabethan collar (e-collar).

Inflammation and swelling of the surgical site can occur post-operatively and in some cases can even form a seroma (fluid accumulation at a surgical site). Compresses will help decrease the chances of these complications and can help decrease the size of a seroma if one were to occur. If you notice excessive redness, swelling, bruising or discharge at the surgical site, or if the incision appears to be opening, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help determine if it is normal for the stage of healing or if further intervention will be necessary.

### **FOLLOW UP:**

Sutures will need to be removed at 10-14 days post-surgery. Please schedule this appointment with your Veterinarian.

If tissue is submitted for histopathology, it will take up to 7-10 working days to get results. You will either hear from Dr. Stoll or your Veterinarian regarding diagnosis, outcome, and if the need for additional treatment is recommended.

**If you have any questions, concerns, or problems please contact us at  
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