**Urethrostomy**

**INCISIONAL CARE:**

Please monitor the incision site 2-3 times a day. Some bleeding and crusting of the area can be expected, but if it becomes worse, seems excessive or you are concerned please contact us or your Veterinarian immediately.

**EXERCISE RESTRICTION:**

It will be important during recovery that your pet be restricted/confined. This means cats will need to be confined to a small area with their litterbox and dogs will need to be confined to a kennel or small room (4’ x 5’) at all times. Dogs may be taken outside for elimination only until released by Dr. Stoll or your Veterinarian.

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR:**

Monitoring your pet’s urination will be vital. If you notice straining to urinate, no urination, or excessive bleeding please contact us immediately.

Surgical site complications can be very serious. Therefore it is **extremely important** to leave the Elizabethan collar (e-collar) on at **all times** to prevent licking and trauma. This will need to remain on until after the sutures are removed or until Dr. Stoll or your Veterinarian says it is okay to do so.

**FOLLOW UP:**

Sutures will need to be removed around 10-14 days post-surgery. This may require sedation. Please schedule this appointment with your Veterinarian.

Your pet will be sent home on an antibiotic and most likely an anti-inflammatory medication. It is important that they are given as directed until finished unless otherwise directed. If your pet happens to experience vomiting, diarrhea, is extremely lethargic or is unwilling to eat, please contact us or your Veterinarian immediately.

A diet change is often necessary. We will work with your veterinarian to decide what is the

best food to reduce the risk of future problems.

**Any questions, concerns, or problems please contact us at**

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