



## Sleaford Vets

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### *Post Operative Care for Cats and Dogs*

Your pet may be drowsy following the procedure so we advise to keep them indoors overnight. It is important that your pet is kept warm and quiet. Do not be alarmed if your pet sleeps more for the first 24hours.

**Feeding:** Water should be available on arrival home. We recommend offering pets a small meal of bland food such as chicken and rice or a smaller portion of their normal food. Food should be offered little and often for the first evening. Normal feeding can resume the following day unless otherwise instructed by the vet. Do not be alarmed if your pet is not interested in food immediately. This can be normal and may indicate your pet feels a bit nauseous following the anaesthetic or sedation. For this reason, your pet may vomit after eating. This can also be normal.

**Care of the Wound:** Please check your pet's wound daily. The wound should be kept clean and dry and there should not be any bleeding. It is important that your pet is NOT allowed to lick or scratch the area. If your pet interferes with the wound, we can supply a Buster Collar or Comfy Collar to prevent this.

**Exercise:** Exercise should be kept to a minimum for the first 48 hours. After this, dogs can be taken out for lead exercise up to 10-15 minutes twice daily. Your pet must NOT be allowed to exercise off the lead until the vet advises it is safe to do so. Cats should be kept restricted, if possible, for at least 48 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's health, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.

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