

Post Surgical Care

Orthopedic Procedures

- Pet should be confined to a small room or crate
- No off leash/explosive activity for 8-12 weeks to allow for bony healing
- Pets can go up and down stairs at a controlled walk
- Physical therapy will be recommended for at least the first 2 weeks, a handout is provided explaining the physical therapy and a technician will demonstrate physical therapy with your pet
- Swimming is usually ok after 2 weeks but please discuss it with the surgeon

Soft Tissue Procedures

- Pet should be confined to a small room or crate for about 2 weeks
- No off leash/explosive activity for 2-4 weeks
- Most test results sent to outside labs take approximately 1 week to get back, we will contact you with those results

Incision Care

- Skin incisions take approximately 10-14 days to heal
- No baths or swimming until incision is healed
- No ointments or creams are necessary for healing
- Pets should wear an e-collar until incision is healed, we will provide hard plastic e-collars. Pet stores may have different types of e-collars.