

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

PATIENT: FLUFFY

DIAGNOSIS: DERMAL MASS

PROCEDURE: MASS REMOVAL

POST OPERATIVE CARE:

INCISION: Please monitor the incision for signs of redness, heat production and drainage. If these occur please call immediately.

SUTURES: Sutures are internal and will dissolve.

OR

Sutures/skin staples will need to be removed in 10-14 days

ACTIVITY: You should restrict Fluffy's activity for the next 2-3 weeks. This will allow appropriate healing of the incision.

DEFECATION: Some of the medications used during anesthesia can slow the GI tract. It may be several days before Fluffy has a bowel movement. There is no need to give Fluffy anything for this. Normal bowel function will return in a few days.

BIOPSY RESULTS: The biopsy results will return in approximately 3-5 business days, but on occasion can take longer. We will contact you as soon as they return with recommendations. If you have not heard from us in 1 week please contact us.

MEDICATIONS

Carprofen (Rimadyl): 100mg tablets - Give 1/2 tablet by mouth TWICE daily (about every 12 hours) with food.

The next Carprofen treatment is due at 6p.

Carprofen is a drug referred to as a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID). NSAID's are very safe and effective at controlling post-operative inflammation and pain. They can have side effects ranging from mild gastrointestinal upset to more serious intestinal and liver issues. If Fluffy shows signs of gastrointestinal irritation (vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia or dark tarry stool) please stop the medication and call us or your regular veterinarian immediately.

Tramadol: 50mg tablets - Give 1 tablet by mouth THREE TIMES daily (about every 8 hours) with food.

The next tramadol treatment is due at 10p.

Tramadol is a pain reliever that may cause some slight sedation. If excessive sedation is noted, decrease the frequency and/or amount of tramadol given.

Cefpodoxime (Antibiotic): 200mg tablets - Give 1/2 tablet(s) by mouth ONCE daily (every 24 hours) with food.

The next cefpodoxime treatment is due at 6p.

Cefpodoxime is a cephalosporin antibiotic used to minimize the risk of postoperative incisional infection. Cephalosporins can have side effects including gastrointestinal upset and diarrhea. If <animal> shows signs of gastrointestinal irritation (vomiting, diarrhea, or anorexia) please call us or your regular veterinarian immediately.

RECHECK: Serial rechecks will be required until healing is confirmed.

RECHECK SCHEDULE: Please schedule a recheck appointment at:

2 -3 WEEKS- Evaluate skin incision and early recovery

OR

Evaluate skin incision and remove suture/skin staples

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call at any time.

Thank you so much for entrusting Fluffy's care to Virginia Veterinary Specialists.