

Post operative eye care

Aftercare Sheet for _____ Date _____

Your pet has just undergone surgery for an eye condition. These instructions are a guide for caring for your pet post operatively. It is important that you follow the instructions closely.

Make sure that a warm bed is provided somewhere away from disturbance by people or other pets. It is important that your pet is kept relatively quiet for several days or even weeks after the operation. This means that dogs should be exercised on a lead only, preferably with a harness rather than a collar, and cats should be kept indoors with a litter tray. A small meal can be given when you get home, and water available. Your nurse will give you specific advice for your pet.

OPERATION SITE - Touch the eye area as little as possible. You can gently clean any discharge away with a damp piece of cotton wool. If the area starts to look sore or is discharging excessively, please seek veterinary advice. If you have been given an Elizabethan collar for you pet, it is important that he/she wears it at **ALL** times. Some patients have their dew claws bandaged to prevent self trauma – your nurse will give you instructions on when to remove these.

STITCHES – Most sutures used around the eye are dissolvable, and will not need removing, however, if your pet does have removable stitches these will usually be taken out after 10 – 14 days.

Suture removal Yes () When _____ No ()

DROPS/OINTMENT – to be given as follows

_____ into _____ eye/s _____ daily for ___ Days/until check up

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TABLETS – to be given with or after food.

_____ Tablet/s to be given _____ daily for _____ days

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COMMENTS _____

RE EXAMINATION _____

Please telephone us or your own vet for advice if you have any concerns.

Your Nurses name is _____