



Post-operative care for dogs after urethral prolapse surgery

The urethra is the tube that links the bladder to the outside world. In male dogs the tip of the urethra sometimes prolapses and a dark red bulge of mucosa can be seen at the end of the penis if the prepuce is gently pulled back. The prolapsed tissue is resected, around a catheter placed as a guide. The wound at the end of the penis is sutured with a series of absorbable sutures which are typically left to fall out on their own.

Medication: Analgesics: We typically dispense tramadol, tablets given twice daily.

The wound must **not** be interfered with or bathed. An Elizabethan collar must be used for at least two weeks post-operatively. Sutures are placed in the urethrostomy wound. The dog urinates through the end of the urethra as usual, and this is often accompanied by some bleeding for a few days. Avoid rubbing, bathing or interfering with the sutured wound. Sutures can be removed after 2 weeks or so if they are causing issues and this would typically require sedation. More commonly the sutures are left to fall out on their own.

Rechecks a few days after surgery may be with your own vet to save un-necessary travelling. We can do this check-up if travelling is not an issue, and all post-op check-ups are free of charge with us under our “fixed price” schemes. Please contact us to book an appointment for us to see the case back 2-3 weeks post-operatively when we can check that all is going to plan.

Restriction and supervision of activity is preferred. Running / jumping / climbing (upstairs, onto furniture etc) should ideally be prevented. There may be some increased frequency of urination if the wound causes a bit of irritation, so these patients are best kept on absorbent bedding in an easy-to-clean environment like the kitchen. Urination can sometimes be accompanied by a few drops of bleeding.

Careful observation of urination is required. If you doubt that this is normal, seek urgent advice. Frequent small urinations are typical in the early post-operative period, usually with some blood.

Prognosis. Disruption of the wound is possible if the urethral wound is interfered with post operatively. Occasionally these surgeries need a revision op to have another go if more tissue prolapses, but most cases just need one surgery and the future is typically bright.

Our fixed prices include any follow up consults with us, but don't include further medication or revision surgery.

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