



Incision and Wound Care

Your pet has an incision or wound that will require the following treatment at home:

1. Check the incision once a day. If there is any increase in swelling, redness, or pain, or any discharge, then your pet should be rechecked by a veterinarian.
 2. Limit your pet's activity for the next 2 weeks. This means no running, jumping, or rough playing. Cats must stay indoors and can be confined to one room. Dogs should have only short leash walks to urinate/defecate. Cage rest is ideal.
 3. If your pet is licking or chewing at the area, you will need to purchase an Elizabethan collar (lampshade).
 4. The sutures/staples need to be removed in 10 – 14 days. This can be done by your regular veterinarian.
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- Your pet has a drain that was surgically placed. This will need to be removed in 3 – 5 days by your regular veterinarian. A small to moderate amount of blood-tinged fluid may leak from around the outside of the drain. This is normal.
 - Place a warm/cold compress on the area for _____ minutes, _____ times a day, for _____ days.