

Post Surgery Tips

We have sent you home with all the instructions for your pet after their surgery....and now they are running around, acting like nothing has happened!! Here are some tips to help you get through the next 2 weeks.....

To protect the surgery site we will have sent you home with a Buster Collar AKA Cone of Shame! This is to prevent your pet from licking or chewing at the incision as they can introduce bacteria which can lead to infection, therefore complicating (and delaying) healing. It may be hard but most pets will get used to wearing it, if it is left on. Make sure they can access food and water while wearing it.



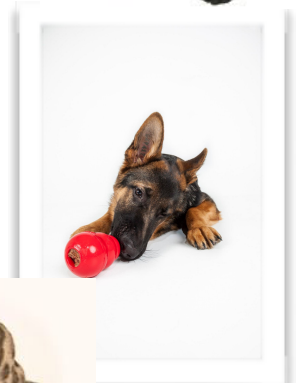
There are many alternatives to the standard cone, check some of these out....blow up collars, soft collars and body suits.....if you are interested in any of these products let us know and we can get them in for you, or in the case of the body suit...a baby sleeper will work with a bit of modification.



Now you have the surgery site protected, but your pet is still running around, not following any of the exercise restrictions we sent you home with!

Most pets if kept indoors, outside on leash only for bathroom breaks and then back in, will learn the new routine and settle in....for young active dogs, or cat who normally go outside and now are confined indoors, we need activities that will keep them stimulated but not physically active.

For that we recommend interactive feeders, there are many on the market...for dogs the easiest is to feed part of their meals in a Kong, if your dog has mastered the Kong, try freezing it overnight - it will last longer. For the kitties, even switching from a food bowl to an ice cube tray so they have to scoop the kibble out, it will keep them busy for a while :)



<http://www.kongcompany.com/kongsolutions/>

Check out this link for ideas!

Good Luck and don't hesitate to contact us if you need help!

