



General Postoperative care for orthopedic surgery

Your cat has undergone orthopedic surgery. These are general guidelines to help you manage their recovery at home. Please contact us or your veterinary clinic if you have any concerns.

Please read this form carefully!!



Exercise restrictions

For the first **12 weeks** after surgery, it is crucial to keep your cat **confined indoors** to restrict their movement. Ideally, they should stay in a **small room or a large crate** where they cannot jump on or off furniture.

- **No jumping, climbing, running, or playing** is allowed during this period as Use **low-sided litter trays** to make it easier for your cat to toilet without strain.
- Carry your cat if they need to move between areas.
- Slippery floors and stairs should be strictly avoided.
- Cats usually begin using the operated leg within **3–5 days** after surgery, although some may take longer. It is the owner's responsibility to prevent excessive activity during recovery.



Wound Care

Sutures are usually resorbable, under the skin and there is no need to be removed. Protect the surgical site with an Elizabethan collar for 14 days to prevent self-trauma. Clean, dry, and odour-free surgical wounds are expected, contact your vets if you notice any discharge or swelling.



Medications

Your dog will be sent home with anti-inflammatories, painkillers and antibiotics. It's essential to adhere to the instructions provided. Please report any vomiting, diarrhea, or other unusual changes to your veterinarian immediately.



Recheck with your vet

Checkups with your vet are recommended at day 3 and day 10, 4 weeks and 8 weeks postoperative.

We strongly recommend follow-up X-rays at 8 weeks postoperative to evaluate the metal implants and bone healing. Your vets will share the X-rays with us for our careful evaluation. In the rare case where complications occur, follow up x-rays would allow us to act quickly, before the situation turns disastrous.





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Please remember that these are only guidelines and some pets take longer to heal than other

