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## Post Sedative care

Your pet has recently had an anesthetic procedure and may still feel a little groggy or sore, so go slowly with him or her. Allow him to readjust to his home surroundings.

Sometimes anesthetics make an animal feel nauseous, even a day later. First, try a few licks of water, and then one hour later, feed only lightly—perhaps one – third of a usual meal. If an animal eats or drinks too much too fast, he or she may vomit. If a small amount of food is tolerated, you may feed a little more and put down a small amount of water in an hour or so. By evening, you should be able to go back to feeding and watering as usual.

Some pets may develop a slight dry cough after anesthesia (especially dogs). This results from an irritation of the trachea (windpipe) from the tube inserted in the trachea to allow your pet to breathe the oxygen and anesthetic mixture. Most coughs are gone in a couple of days, and don't affect the animal's activity. If a cough seems excessive or there seems to be breathing difficulty, please let us know as soon as possible.

If applicable, remember to keep all recheck appointments. It is important for us to know how your pet is progressing. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call...384-0109.