Ark Animal Hospital
OVH/DECLAW Surgical Discharge Instructions

Surgical Procedure: Ovariohysterectomy/Declaw

Home Care Instructions:

- Please remove the small bandage on your pet's forelimb one hour after arriving home. This is where the intravenous catheter was placed prior to surgery.
- Please monitor surgical site for any signs of swelling, bleeding, discharge, or separation of the wound edges. If any of these are noted call Ark Animal Hospital immediately for a recheck exam. Some minor bruising will be noted around the surgical incision site, this is normal.
- Keep the incision site clean and dry for 10 days. If your pet lives outdoors, please make every possible effort to keep them indoors until your next follow up exam.
- Schedule an appointment for a re-evaluation and suture removal in 7-10 days at Ark Animal Hospital.
- Yesterday's News or shredded newspaper should be used as litter for the next 10-14 days.

Exercise Restrictions:

- PLEASE NOTE: Your pet has undergone a surgical procedure. Even with pain relieving medications there may still be some post-operative discomfort. Please use caution when handling your pet. Children should not be allowed contact with your pet until his behavior has returned to normal.
- No running, jumping, climbing, or swimming for 10 days.
- Please do not bathe pet for 10 days.

Feeding:

- Please reduce feeding portion to half the normal amount for the 12 hours following surgery. Food and water may be offered the evening after surgery. Please feed your pet his regular diet to avoid any gastrointestinal upset.

Medications: Your pet received PAIN-REPLACE injection/orally? for pain today.

If any vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, or poor appetite occurs please discontinue medications and contact Ark Animal Hospital immediately at 863-937-9021. Please avoid using any medications that are not on these discharge orders. Please consult with Ark Animal Hospital prior to using any other medications to avoid any possibility of developing a drug reaction.

Thank you,

Susan Rodgers, DVM