

SEDATION AFTERCARE

Your pet has had a sedation today. Sedation is usually achieved by either intravenous or subcutaneous injection.

There may be a shaved area on one of their front legs, or a small bandage although this is not always required. If an intravenous catheter and intravenous fluids have been used there will always be a shaved area on one or both of your pet's forelegs.

Some patients may remain a little groggy for the first 24 hours at home, and should be kept inside and observed. Dogs should be taken outside to the toilet on a lead only, and cats should be kept confined inside and be provided with a litter tray. If your pet has had intravenous fluids during the procedure, then they may urinate a lot more than usual for the next 24-48 hours. Because they may be a little groggy, they may urinate in their bedding or inside the house, even if they are normally perfectly house-trained.

After 12-24 hours, most pets are back to their normal bouncy selves. Offer a small drink tonight, and if this is kept down, a small meal may be offered. If your pet is not interested in food or vomits, wait until morning before offering anything else.

When to contact the clinic:

- if your pet seems unusually uncomfortable
- if you are worried at all about your pet

Many people are not sure whether their pet is acting normally, and are not sure whether to ring or are embarrassed to ask us. Please, if you are at all concerned don't hesitate to call.

- If a revisit is requested by your veterinarian, please call the clinic for an appointment.
- If your pet has a bandage on their leg from a catheter that was placed, you can remove it a couple of hours after pick up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the clinic 54455288

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