

Anal Gland Sacculectomy - Post Operative Notes

Your dog has undergone surgery to remove their anal glands and will require specific aftercare to ensure the best recovery. As the area is very sensitive there is often some irritation despite good analgesia. Dogs may try and scoot, spin around and look at their bottom.

1. It is important to keep your dog quiet for a period of 10 days after surgery. This means on lead to go to the toilet. No forced exercise – playing ball.
2. It is important to keep your pet clean and dry during this time. (No bathing or swimming.)
3. Give all medications as per label directions. This will include antibiotics and analgesia. Some dogs may also require calming medication (PVP) as well. This is to help keep them settled.
4. Psyllium husk can be given to help making passing faces easier. For large dogs give one flat dessert spoon daily. For small dogs give one flat teaspoon once daily.
5. A follow up re visit will be required. The first re visit will be 3 days after surgery. The second re visit will be 10 days after surgery. Stitches are all intradermal (under the skin) so will not require removal.
6. An Elizabethan e-collar (lamp shade – bucket - cone) must be worn at all times.
7. Please check the wound twice daily to ensure no redness, swelling or discharge from wound.

Anaesthetic Aftercare

Your pet has had a general anaesthetic yesterday. Anaesthesia is induced by an intravenous injection this makes your pet unconscious. Your pet is then kept asleep for the duration of the procedure with gas, administered through a tube placed in your pet's trachea (windpipe). Occasionally this can cause some irritation in the throat which may cause your pet to cough for a day or two.

Most patients are a little groggy for the first 24 hours after surgery. They should be kept inside and observed. Dogs should be taken outside to the toilet on a lead only.

There will be a shaved area on one of their front legs, where the intravenous catheter was placed. Intravenous fluids have been administered and your dog may need to urinate more frequently overnight. 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.

It may take a day or two for their bowels to function normally after an anaesthetic.

After 24-48 hours, most pets are back to their normal bouncy selves, and the biggest concern is keeping them quiet so they don't damage their surgery site.

When to contact the clinic:

- if your pet seems unusually uncomfortable
- if there is any redness or swelling of the wound
- if your pet is licking or chewing at the wound

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