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Orthopedic Surgery: Post-Operative Instructions

1. Absolute rest for 14 days after surgery. Crate rest is recommended especially when the pet will be unsupervised.
2. Administer any prescribed medicines **until they are gone.**
3. An examination is required 10 days after surgery to remove the bandage (not all surgeries require a bandage) and recheck the incision. There is no additional fee for this service.
4. Leash walk only 10 to 30 days after surgery. No running, jumping, playing. Many times pets will feel great a couple weeks after surgery but if they are allowed too much freedom there is a risk of reinjuring the surgical site or causing complications.
5. An evaluation is required 30 days after surgery to evaluate your pet's progress. At this time the doctor will tell you when your pet can resume normal activity and recommend any additional follow up care (i.e. Removal of pins, plates, wires, etc.) There is a \$25 fee for this visit.
6. If you have questions at any time during your pet's recovery do not hesitate to contact us at 856.467.0004