

# Post Operative Care for Dogs

## General Information:

- Your dog's abdomen or scrotal area may have been shaved to insure an aseptic field. In some cases, a small patch on one foreleg is shaved where intravenous anesthesia is given.
- If sutures were used, they are dissolvable and should fall out when ready. If the sutures are still present two weeks after the surgery date, they should be removed. Please call us at **421-1399 x204** to make the necessary arrangements.
- Pain medications **may** have been prescribed to your dog. Please use as indicated by the veterinarian. Most medications should be given the day following surgery.

## Restrictions:

- **E-collars should be worn for 10-14 days after surgery.** Dogs should be leash walked and then returned indoors during this time.
- Restrict exercise and avoid rough play with your pet for **10 days** after the surgery date.
- Please keep your children and other animals separate for **24 hours**.
- Do not bathe your dog until **2 weeks** after the surgery date- soap can be extremely irritating to an unhealed incision.

Please contact us at **421-1399 x204** as soon as possible if any of the following occur:

*\*Please note, PARL's veterinarians and technicians are **NOT** here on the weekends. **If you believe your pet to be suffering a medical emergency, please contact your own veterinarian.***

- Discharge from incision, poor appetite or activity level
- Chewing or excessive licking
- A hard swelling may appear under the incision several days after surgery. **This is a normal tissue reaction** during the healing process and is no cause for alarm **unless** the swelling is accompanied by heat, pain, redness or drainage.