

Post-operative Care – Anal Sacculectomy

Pet Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Your pet has had a procedure called an Anal Sacculectomy which is a common procedure in dogs where we remove the Anal Glands.

Caring for your pet after an anaesthetic

Your pet may still be a bit sleepy from the anaesthetic so should be kept warm and quiet at home.

The after-effects of the anaesthetic may persist for a couple of days.

Offer food and water after the surgery. Your pet will need nutrition to start healing.

Any clipped hair will start growing back after a couple of weeks.

Medications: (continue to give any other prescribed medications as instructed)

Medication	Reason	Amount per dose	Frequency of dosing	Length of Course

Post op Appointments:

Post op Check	With	Date	Time	Other Instructions
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For VetCW checks, do not feed after 10pm the night before your appointment, but do give water

Post op Instructions:

- Please do not allow your pet to lick or interfere with any surgical wounds and use the buster collar is highly recommended
- Some dogs go back to normal like nothing has happened within 24 hours, but others can become reluctant to pass faeces for several days or may develop diarrhoea (medication can be dispensed from your practice to help with the diarrhoea)
- We recommend that you take them out more frequently to give them the opportunity for toileting.
- Incontinence can be a post operative complication; in the majority of cases this should resolve in a couple of weeks.
- Please check the surgical site often and if it gets covered in faeces please gently clean it with cooled boiled water.
- Initially strict rest is required. Please do short, controlled walks out to the garden for toileting until the post-op check with VetCW at 2 weeks. Do not allow jumping or stairs, vigorous play with other pets or off lead garden access and consider cage resting if tolerated.

We do hope your pet has a speedy recovery. If you have any issues, please contact your regular practice for advice. They will contact us if necessary but should be able to help with most questions.

Kind regards,

Colin Whiting and the VetCW Surgical team

Some Doggy Stress Busters

Put their favourite bed/blanket in kennel/confined area to snuggle into and feel super comfy

Keep the crate/confined area in a busy room so they can see what's going on and don't feel too isolated.

Break up mealtimes from once or twice daily to 3-4 times daily. Try different food and treats (care with weight gain/stomach upsets),

New toys (possibly with treats in) can break up their time - as long as they are not too over exuberant at playing!

Stuffing Kongs with peanut butter and some of their food ration will keep the occupied for ages.

<https://lickimat.com/> have a range of toys and environmental enrichment products. They can be purchased through Amazon in the UK.

There are some great resources on this website; just remember that exercise at this stage needs to be restricted.

<https://positively.com/dog-wellness/dog-enrichment/>

If they are home alone for long period of times, then leave radio/TV on.