

**Post-operative Care – Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome Surgery**

**Pet Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your pet has had a procedure to address their breathing obstruction that are commonly seen in dogs with short faces (brachycephalics). Today the following procedures have been performed:

- Nostril widening
- Soft palate shortening
- Removal of the tonsils
- Removal of the laryngeal saccules

This will open up the airway and make their breathing easier. Not all components of brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome can be addressed surgically. If the tongue is too thick, the windpipe too narrow for the size of dog or the tissue covering the curly bones inside the nose (turbinates) too thickened, there may still be some reduction in airflow. Pets can remain prone to heat stress and may be unlikely to exercise to same extent as dogs with normal head conformation. It is also likely that some respiratory noise will continue despite the surgery. **It is very important therefore, as before surgery, that you dog is not allowed to overheat or over-exert themselves.**

**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 keep your dog quiet, cool and rested.
- Your dogs breathing will still be noisy until all the surgical swelling has settled down, usually by 14 days after surgery.

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