

Post-operative care – Elbow Surgery (Medial Coronoidectomy)

Pet Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Your dog has had a surgery to remove a small bone chip that has been causing pain in their elbow. Your dog should be back to normal after 6 weeks. This surgery won't fix the elbow, but will remove an area of discomfort and will hopefully reduce the progression of osteoarthritis.

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 or pet shirt provided. 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. After post op check 2 with VetCW you can do multiple, short controlled lead walks for 5-10 minutes 2-3 times a day, gradually increasing to normal exercise 6 weeks post-operatively. If your dog enjoys a swim it is a very beneficial from 2 weeks and as an ongoing exercise. 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