

Post-Operative Care for TPLO Surgery

Patient: _____

Date: _____

For the next eight to twelve weeks your dog's activity must be strictly controlled in order to achieve the best results from this surgery.

1. Your pet must be on a leash at all times when outside, even in the backyard when going to the bathroom.
2. While inside your house, your dog can wander freely under your direct supervision on floors that give secure footing. Please keep your pet off slick floors.
3. No running, jumping, or playing with other animals.
4. When not under your direct supervision, your pet needs to be confined to an airline kennel or small room.
5. Swelling around the ankle is normal the first week after surgery.

The first two weeks after surgery you will need to monitor your pet's incisions. Some swelling and bruising is normal following surgery. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew the incisions. If they should start licking you will need to take steps to discourage them from continuing.

If at any time during these eight to twelve weeks your pet does anything to cause them to cry out or yelp, please contact us to make sure they have not injured themselves. Also contact us if there is any decrease in function or set backs during recovery from surgery.

Pay attention to your pet's weight. Food consumption will need to be modified during this period of decreased activity. We do not want him to gain too much weight during this time.

Medications:

1. Tramadol (_____ mg) _____ AS NEEDED for pain. Please give with food. This medication may cause sedation, anxiety, or inappetence. Next dose due: _____.
2. Cephalexin (_____ mg) _____ Next dose due: _____. This is an antibiotic and may cause diarrhea or stomach upset – please call if you are concerned.
3. Carprofen (_____ mg) _____ This medication is an NSAID and may cause stomach upset, GI bleeding, dark stools – please call if these complications are seen. Please do not give with other NSAIDs or prednisone.
4. _____

Recheck Appointments:

1. Two weeks post operatively for recheck assessment and staple removal.
2. Six weeks post operatively for lateral radiographs of the knee.
3. Nine to twelve weeks post operatively for repeat radiographs of the knee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____