

## **Postoperative Care Instructions for a Bone Biopsy**

Your pet has had a surgical bone biopsy with North Peninsula Veterinary Surgical Group. This procedure was performed because your pet was diagnosed with a bone lesion. Your pet's biopsy results will be available within the next few days. Please keep in mind that some bone samples may require additional laboratory processing and may take a week or more for results to come back. We will call you with the results of the biopsy and discuss our recommendations for treatment. It is important to allow your pet time to heal, avoiding possible injury while they recover. Please keep this in mind and strictly follow the postoperative care instructions here.

### **Activity**

- Absolutely no running or jumping, unsupervised use of stairs, or playing roughly with any pets or children.
- All toileting and time outside must be done on-leash.
- Avoid access to slippery floors such as hardwood and stairs.
- Plan to restrict your pet's activity for the next 8 weeks. This includes very short walks on-leash three times a day for toileting purposes only.

### **Incision Site**

- Monitor the surgical site daily for infection. This can present as swelling, redness, discharge or signs of sudden pain to the touch. Call us immediately if you notice any of these.
- Discourage scratching or licking at the incision. Call us if you're struggling to control this behavior.
- Keep the surgery site clean and dry. Do not apply any ointments or other treatments. No bathing or swimming for 14 days after the procedure.

### **Medications**

- Make sure you have a plan to give all medications as directed, including reminders where necessary.
- Call us if you believe your pet may be having a poor reaction to any of their medications. That includes vomiting, diarrhea or dark and tarry stool.

### **Food & Water**

- Your pet should have access to water at all times and can be fed their regular food.





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### **Follow-up Appointment**

- We will schedule a follow-up appointment to remove sutures and/or staples 10 to 12 days after the procedure. At that time, we will discuss additional appointments as necessary.

We're here to help throughout your pet's recovery, please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns.

