

Westbrook Animal Hospital

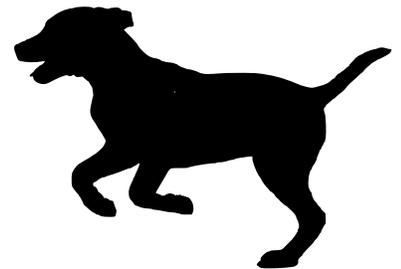
Post-Surgery Recovery Instructions: Canine Tumor Removal



Thank you for trusting Westbrook Animal Hospital to care for your pet. To ensure a smooth recovery following your dog's tumor removal surgery, please follow these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at **(207) 797-4747** or via email at **westbrookah@gmail.com**.

1. General Post-Surgical Care

- Monitoring Behavior:** Your pet may be groggy or disoriented for 24-48 hours due to anesthesia. Keep them in a quiet, comfortable area to rest.
- Appetite:** It is normal for your pet to have a reduced appetite for the first day. If they seem uninterested in eating you can try offering small amounts of a bland diet (e.g., boiled chicken and rice). Gradually return to their regular food after 24 hours unless otherwise directed.
- Water Access:** Always ensure fresh water is available.



2. Wound Care

- Incision Check:** Inspect the surgical site daily if possible for redness, swelling, discharge, or foul odor. Slight swelling and bruising can be normal but should not worsen.
- Prevent Licking:** Use a provided e-collar (cone) or surgical recovery suit to prevent licking or chewing at the incision if your pet can reach the area. This is crucial for proper healing.
- Keep the Area Clean:** Do not apply creams, ointments, or bandages unless instructed. If the area becomes dirty, gently clean with warm water and pat dry.

3. Activity Restrictions

- Limit Movement:** Keep your pet on leash walks only for 10-14 days or as directed. Avoid running, jumping, or rough play to prevent strain on the incision.
- Rest Period:** Provide a confined, calm space to minimize activity.

4. Pain Management & Medications

•**Pain Relief:** Administer prescribed medications exactly as directed. Do not give over-the-counter medications without veterinary approval.

•**Antibiotics:** If antibiotics were prescribed, complete the full course, even if your pet seems better.

•**Watch for Side Effects:** Monitor for vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual reactions to medications, and contact us if they occur.

5. Follow-Up Care

•**Suture/Staple Removal:** If we notified you that non-dissolvable sutures or staples were used, schedule a follow-up appointment for removal (typically 10-14 days post-surgery).

•**Pathology Results:** If the tumor was sent for analysis, we will contact you with results as soon as they are available, typically between 7-14 days or longer.

6. Watch for Warning Signs

Contact us immediately if you notice:

- Excessive swelling, redness, or discharge from the incision.
- Persistent lethargy or lack of appetite beyond 48 hours.
- Vomiting, diarrhea, or difficulty urinating/defecating.
- Any signs of pain despite medication.



Contact Us

For questions or concerns, please reach out:

- Phone:** (207) 797-4747
- Email:** westbrookah@gmail.com



For after-hours emergencies, contact your nearest emergency veterinary clinic.

We're here to help your pet recover comfortably and safely. Thank you for being a part of the Westbrook Animal Hospital family!

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Caring for your pets as if they were our own.

