



LASER POST-SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are provided to help you take the necessary precautions following today's surgical procedure. If you have any questions or problems, please call us at 208-354-2212. If it is after hours, you will be directed to the veterinarian on call.

WOUND CARE: Please leave the incision site alone.

PAIN RELIEF: Pain is uncommon after LASER treatment. The treated area may tingle or itch as the wound begins to heal. If this is a problem for your pet, or if there appears to be significant pain, please call us as soon as possible.

BATHING: The skin treated with the LASER is now "thin" and needs to be treated delicately. For two weeks, your pet should not be allowed to soak or swim in water for long periods of time. If a bath is needed, be careful to avoid scrubbing the wound and pat the wound dry with a clean dry towel. **DO NOT RUB THE WOUND.**

INFECTION: This should not occur if the wound is properly cared for. Please notify us immediately if you notice any of the following symptoms:

1. Increased redness around the incision site.
2. Increased pain.
3. Pus-like drainage from the incision site.

EXERCISE: Restricted exercise (leash walking) is recommended, but prolonged exposure to water, i.e. swimming, should not be done for two weeks.

TYPICAL COURSE OF HEALING: Treatment of the skin with a LASER causes a minor "burn" reaction. The immediate response may be slight "browning" of the surface and redness on the surrounding skin. This is normal and as the tissue heals, the redness will gradually fade and disappear within 15 to 21 days. The membrane will fall off in 7 to 10 days.

Remember...your pet's health is very important to us. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns you may have.

THANK YOU FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE DRIGGS VETERINARY CLINIC.