



Home Care of the Orthopedic Patient

Your pet is recovering from a major orthopedic problem that requires continued post-operative nursing care at home. Your pet does not understand the nature of his/her injury and will become very active in a short period of time. Therefore, restriction of activity is up to you. This means:

- Confinement indoors
- No running
- No jumping
- No stairs
- No "roughhousing"

When taken outdoors to urinate and defecate, your pet must be kept on a leash and then quickly returned indoors. If your pet is to be left alone, he/she must be confined to an area in which he/she cannot injure himself/herself, such as a small room or cage (airline crate). Confinement and restriction of activity are extremely important during the entire convalescent period. Failure to heed these precautions may result in re-injury and/or complications necessitating further surgery. This obviously leads to additional discomfort for your pet and additional expense for you.

Please keep your pet's well-being in mind during his/her recovery in order to help minimize complications. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call.

Please schedule a recheck appointment _____.

Medication dispensed:

Additional comments: