

## Care of your Dog following Dynamic Ulnar Osteotomies

Patients name:

Primary-care Vet:

The following medications have been dispensed for your dog. Please ensure **all doses** are given. If you are having difficulty administering medications or your pet develops diarrhoea or vomiting please contact your Vet **immediately**.

<b>Medication:</b>	<b>Dosage:</b>	<b>When to start:</b>
Antibiotic:.....	Give .....	daily for .....days .....
NSAID: .....	Give .....	daily for .....days .....
Opioid: .....	Give .....	daily for .....days .....
Other: .....	Give .....	daily for .....days .....

### Key Points for Aftercare:

The operation site will have been clipped (other sites may also have been clipped for administering drugs and fluids etc). Avoid your pet interfering with the surgical (and other clipped) site/s. Most wounds will be covered with a light adhesive dressing and this often works loose, or can be removed, after the first 48 hours. Some dogs need to wear an Elizabethan protective collar to prevent attention to the stitches or dressings. If necessary, this should stay in place until the stitches are removed. It is important your pet **not be allowed** to lick the surgical wound, as this may introduce infection.

Your dog should be kept confined to restrict activity confined (ideally to a large cage or alternatively a single room with **non-slip** flooring). Short **leash** walks in the garden (a few minutes four to six times daily) are recommended to allow toileting. Confinement should be maintained at all times (other than for scheduled rehabilitation as specified below) for at least the first six weeks following surgery; only relax confinement when your Vet specifically advises you to do so.

Some swelling of the operated limb in the days following surgery is normal. **Ice packs** for 10 to 15 minutes several times daily **are recommended** in the first few days following surgery to reduce swelling and improve comfort. Regular, gentle massage (e.g. sweeping motions from toes to shoulder) may help dissipate oedema fluid.

**If the surgical site is causing excessive irritation, is discharging or if you are concerned swelling is excessive please seek veterinary advice.**

**Ice packs** for 10 to 15 minutes several times daily are recommended in the first few days following surgery to reduce swelling and improve comfort. Regular, gentle massage (sweeping motions upwards e.g. from ankle to hip) may help dissipate oedema fluid.

Leash walks for 5 to 10 minutes three times daily should commence five to seven days following surgery, but **maintain confinement** at other times. Use a **short** lead.

After 10 to 14 days increase leash walks to 10 to 15 minutes three times daily, but **maintain confinement** at other times.

Hydrotherapy may be beneficial to recovery; this may commence following suture removal provided your Vet is satisfied with wound healing. .

X-rays should be performed approximately six to eight weeks following surgery to assess bone healing.

### **Re-examinations with Your Vet:**

- **Morning** after surgery if your dog was discharged the same day as surgery
- **3 days** following surgery: post surgery check-up
- **10 to 14 days** after surgery: suture/staple removal and/or check on wound healing
- 4 weeks post-surgery: check up
- **Six weeks** following surgery: X-rays will typically be taken so please bring your pet in fasted
- Additional visits as indicated by your Vet

Please note that additional fees may be incurred at re-examinations. Please ask your vet about relevant fees.

**Gradual improvement should be expected following surgery. If deterioration occurs please seek veterinary advice.**

### **Declaration:**

I confirm receipt of this aftercare handout (2 pages). I understand that variation from the instructions contained herein may increase the risk of post-surgical complications or otherwise affect outcome; I should only make variations if **specifically advised** to do so by my Vet.

Owner's signature:

Vet's Signature:

Print Name:

Print Name:

Date:

Date: