

SNAKE ENVENOMATION DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Your pet has been discharged from hospital following treatment for suspected snake envenomation.

Below is a summary of their care and important instructions for ongoing management at home.

Reason for Hospitalisation:

Your pet was admitted due to suspected envenomation from a venomous snake bite.

Treatment Summary:

During hospitalisation, your pet received:

- Intravenous antivenom therapy (as indicated based on test results and clinical signs)
- Intravenous fluid therapy
- Pain relief and supportive care
- Urine testing using a snake venom detection kit (SVDK)
- Coagulation tests to monitor blood clotting
- Blood tests including biochemistry and electrolytes to assess organ function
- Monitoring for neurological signs and complications

They are recovering well but developed moderate to severe myopathy (muscle damage), which is a common complication after envenomation, particularly with tiger or brown snake bites.

Medications:

Please read all medication labels carefully and administer exactly as instructed. If you have difficulty giving medications, or notice vomiting or reluctance to eat after dosing, please contact us.

Diet:

We recommend feeding a bland, easily digestible diet such as boiled chicken and white rice for the next 2–3 days. Gradually reintroduce your pet's regular food once they are eating well and passing normal stools.

Exercise & Rest:

Strict rest is required for **at least 4 weeks** to allow muscles to heal and reduce the risk of complications:

- Keep your pet indoors
- No running, jumping, or playing
- Leash walks for toileting only

Monitoring & Follow-Up:

Please make an appointment for a recheck in **48 hours**.

At this visit, we will:

- Perform repeat blood tests (including CK, electrolytes, CBC, and biochemistry)
- Check for signs of ongoing or delayed complications
- Assess your pet's recovery progress

At-Home Monitoring:

Please observe the following:

- Ensure your pet is urinating regularly and that urine appears **clear or light yellow** (not red, brown, or discoloured)
- Monitor for any signs of worsening or returning symptoms including:
 - Weakness or collapse
 - Shaking or twitching
 - Difficulty walking or standing
 - Dark-coloured urine
 - Pale gums or abnormal bleeding
 - Vomiting or loss of appetite



If you notice any of these signs, or if you are concerned at any point, please contact the clinic or an emergency service immediately!

Thank you for trusting us with your pet's care.
We wish you both a smooth recovery.
If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call!