

LUMP REMOVAL DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS



Thank you for entrusting us with your pet's care today. Your pet has undergone surgery to remove a lump. This procedure involves making an incision at the site of the lump, and the location of sutures will depend on the lump's position. Some areas may require extra care post-surgery.

Your help is essential in ensuring a smooth and successful recovery.

Immediately After Surgery

- Your pet may be drowsy or quiet for the next 12–24 hours following the anaesthetic. This is normal.
- They may feel slightly nauseous, so offer only a **small meal and small sips of water** tonight.
- Appetite should return to normal by the following morning.

Pain Relief and Medication

- Your pet received an antibiotic and pain relief injection during their procedure. The pain relief will last approximately 12 hours.
- If you notice signs of discomfort at home, please contact the clinic for advice.
- If any medications were prescribed, please complete the **full course** as directed. Stopping medication early can delay healing and contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Activity and Environment

- Keep your pet **indoors and in a clean, quiet area** for the next 10 days.
- Avoid interaction with excitable pets or children until your pet is fully recovered.
- Pets can struggle to regulate their body temperature after anaesthesia, so ensure they stay **warm and comfortable** for the first 12 hours.

Wound and Suture Care

- **Sutures typically need to be removed in 10 days**, unless advised otherwise.
- Please do **not allow your pet to lick or chew the incision**. If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar (cone) should be worn at all times until the site is healed.
- Keep the surgical site **dry and clean**. No bathing or swimming for at least 10 days.
- After 10–14 days, if the incision looks flat, clean and fully closed, bathing can resume.

Activity Restriction (10–14 Days)

Most pets feel better within a few days, but the surgical site still needs time to heal. To prevent complications:

- Keep your pet **calm and quiet**
- No running, jumping, or rough play
- Confine to small spaces if necessary

Pathology Results

If the lump was submitted for laboratory analysis, results are typically available within **7–10 working days**. Your vet will contact you once they are received. If you haven't heard from us by then, please call reception for an update.



When to Call the Clinic

Please contact us if you notice:

- Lethargy or loss of appetite 24+ hours after surgery
- Swelling, redness, or discharge at the surgery site
- Persistent licking, discomfort, or signs of pain
- Any unusual behaviour or signs that concern you

We are here to support you during your pet's recovery.
Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing your pet a smooth and speedy recovery!