

## Safety Info

*Your pet may not be able to tolerate the pain medication. Signs of intolerance may include appetite loss, vomiting, and diarrhea. If any of these signs occur, please call our office immediately for further advice. Please do NOT administer additional doses of medications until you have consulted with us regarding these signs of problems.*



For more information, please  
consult with our office

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Your pet is recovering from surgery. This information will help you provide a smooth recovery.

## Why TLC?

All surgeries cause pain and stress. Because stress can slow the healing process, the care you give your pet in the first few hours and days after coming home is the key to a successful and comfortable recovery.

**Bottom line: Your pet needs rest, love, and effective pain management.**

## Pain management began in the hospital

Our surgeons take every precaution to minimize the pain of surgery. We employ the latest methods and products in a proactive approach that includes administering pain medication **before, during, and after surgery**. Still, any surgery is invasive and pets can experience significant pain post-surgery. Because each pet is unique, the degree of pain-and the amount of pain your pet



## Pain management continues after surgery.

### When your pet returns home:

- Keep your pet isolated from other animals and children for the first 12 hours.
- Keep your pet in a quiet, warm, and comfortable place.
- Discourage any type of jumping, running, or rough play.
- Allow your pet to resume normal activity gradually.
- Check the incision daily for swelling, bleeding, discharge, redness, or reopening of the wound. If noted, contact us immediately.
- Prevent your pet from scratching, licking, or biting the incision.
- Do not feed your pet for 1-2 hours after going home, then start with small amounts of food and water.

### Follow your veterinarian's pain medication prescription.

- Follow dosing instructions carefully.
- Please note the safety info on the next panel.
- If you have any questions please call our office at 812-346-3203.