# General Anaesthesia – Post-operative Care

Please have a read of the information below to ensure your pet has a smooth recovery following today's procedure.

Important information

1) Please keep your pet as quiet as possible on the first night
    - Dogs – May be taken out, **on a lead**, to go to the toilet
    - Cats – Should remain indoors for at least 48 hours
2) Give **all medication prescribed** as instructed on the label
3) If you notice any behaviour that concerns you, then please contact us immediately
4) Please do **NOT** overheat your car – your pet will need to be kept warm but not excessively!

How will my pet feel?

After a general anaesthetic, your pet will feel more sleepy than usual – this normally lasts for 24-48 hours but can persist for as long as 72 hours.

They may not toilet as much, or as frequently, for the first 48 hours – this is normal and there is no need to worry unless they are acting unwell.

What should I feed them?

Please offer small amounts of food/water on the first night after their procedure, but don't worry if they don't want to eat straight away! Many animals feel a bit nauseous after a general anaesthetic – just gradually reintroduce food/water the next day.

We recommend feeding bland food or a specific "Digestive Support" diet for the first 24-48 hours after surgery – this can be purchased from us on collection, please ask at the desk for more information!

What next?

Please speak to the team to see whether you require any follow up appointments.

If you have any queries or if you are worried about your pet, then please do not hesitate to call us on

**01902 271 757**

If you wish to send photographs as part of your post-operative care, then please email them to

**info@rockhousevets.co.uk**

*Should you have any concerns outside of our opening hours, please contact*
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