

**Fluffy TEST (CA241B66)**

Visit Report: Thursday, October 31, 2024

**VISIT**

Reason: TPLO

Veterinarian: Justin Harper

Check In: 10/31/24, 12P

Check Out:

**PATIENT**

Fluffy TEST (ID CA241B66)

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Canine Labrador Retriever

Weight: None

Microchip #: None

**ACCOUNT**

TEST TEST (ID 233C0)

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**HCVSS Post Surgical Care of Anal Gland Removal or Marsupialization**, Completed: 11/05/24, 11A

Veterinarian: Justin Harper

**Now it's your turn!**

Home patient care after rectal surgery is critical to the success of the surgery. Please ask your veterinarian if you have any questions about these instructions.

**The following instructions will be your guide to home care:**

1. Keep the Elizabethan collar on your pet to prevent excessive licking or chewing of the sutures.
2. Give all of the antibiotics that your doctor prescribes.
3. Use pain medication as directed if necessary.
4. Keep the incision area clean from dirt, debris, or fecal matter by gently cleansing with a wet cloth or running water gently over the area with a hose as often as necessary and blot dry with a clean paper towel.
5. Apply a thin line of triple antibiotic ointment or Neosporin ointment over the sutures to "waterproof" the area.
6. Give your pet stool softeners recommended by your veterinarian to effect; giving enough to slightly soften the stool but not cause diarrhea.
7. Apply moist hot packs (if your pet allows) to the area for ten minutes three times daily until the swelling, if any, is gone.
8. Have the incision and the surgery rechecked 3-5 days after surgery and again at two weeks (sooner if any complications arise).

**Activity**

Restrict your pet to a leash with no free running, jumping or playing for two weeks.

**Complications**

As with any surgical procedure, complications can occur. The most common complication of surgeries around the rectum is infection. Although uncommon, keeping the incision clean and free of stool is critical to prevent this. If you notice any unusual swelling, redness or discharge, have your pet rechecked immediately. Some patients will have dissolving sutures placed under the skin that will not need to be removed, but you should follow your veterinarian's recommendations for rechecks so they can determine if everything is healing properly. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your veterinarian.

**Follow Up Instructions:**

Please monitor your pet's ability to urinate over the next 1-2 days. Rarely, patients that had an epidural will have transient urinary retention, straining to urinate but no stream is observed. This can lead to a ruptured bladder after several days and kidney failure if



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you do not seek immediate treatment.  
Recheck in 14 days: Dissolving sutures  
Recheck every 2 weeks after suture removal to evaluate progress  
Start stool softeners tonight  
Leave Elizabethan collar on for 3 weeks

#### Antibiotics

Start antibiotic as prescribed by Dr. Harper.

#### Pain Medications

Start pain medications as prescribed by Dr. Harper.

#### Thank you!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for choosing Hill Country Veterinary Surgical Specialty to provide care for your beloved furry friend. We understand that surgeries can be stressful, and we truly appreciate the trust you have placed in us during such a time.

We are privileged to be part of your pet's care journey, and we look forward to serving you and your furry family member in the future.

Wishing you and your pet continued health and happiness.

Warmest regards,  
Hill Country Veterinary Surgical Specialty