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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)

2 YO X LABR (DOB: Sep 19, 2022)

Canine Labrador Retriever

Weight: None

Microchip #: None

ACCOUNT

TEST TEST (ID 233C0)

(848) 318-1071

HCVSS Post Surgical Care for Brachycephalic Airway Surgery, Completed: 11/05/24, 11A

Veterinarian: Justin Harper

It's your turn!

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

Your pet had surgery for brachiocephalic airway disease and/or laryngeal collapse. The major components of this syndrome include stenotic nares (nostril openings too small), an overlong soft palate which interferes with normal breathing resulting in noisy respirations, and everted laryngeal sacculles (eversion or prolapse of the mucosal lining of the laryngeal crypts) which also interfere with normal respirations. Surgery is designed to correct these abnormalities thereby making it easier to breathe and reducing the noise associated with the syndrome. The goal of surgery is not to completely eliminate all the noise that is present pre-operatively, but to reduce it to a level that allows your pet to breathe easier and stop the progression of the syndrome.

Without surgery, further collapse of the larynx can occur which can result in complete obstruction of the airway and collapse of your pet with strenuous exercise. Pets with this advanced condition will require debarking and a partial laryngotomy to further open the airway.

Note:

Please be aware that although your pet should be improved after surgery, their breathing will never be completely normal. Any patient with a compromised airway should avoid stress whenever possible. Also, activity should be limited to moderate levels and on hot days they should be kept in a cool environment. Lastly, an ideal body weight should always be maintained!

Some patients will need some mild tranquilization for a few days after surgery to prevent excitement and labored breathing which can cause swelling, edema, and bleeding in the airway.

Complications

Complications were listed in the consent form but short term your pet can have swelling of the larynx can occur in the first few days that can obstruct breathing. If your pet has any respiratory difficulties, please see your doctor or emergency veterinarian immediately. Occasionally we need to do a second minor procedure to take slightly more tissue if your pet is still having long term problems after healing (about 3-4 weeks). Long term scar tissue can create a "web" across the airway opening several months after surgery that can also obstruct respirations and need revision surgery.

Your pet had the following procedure(s) done:

Stenotic nares correction with wedge resection with sutures



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Soft palate resection

Everted laryngeal sacculles removed

Tonsillectomy

Follow Up Instructions:

Purchase a harness for your pet and do not use any collars around the neck.

Remove tracheostomy tube in 3-5 days. Twenty four hour care is needed during this time to suction out mucous and blockages that could lead to fatal obstructions.

Soft food only for two weeks due to discomfort from surgery.

Allow water consumption in 8-10 hours post-operatively and soft food 18 hours post-operatively.

Recheck in three days to evaluate respirations.

Recheck weekly for three weeks to evaluate healing.

Use tranquilizers as directed if your veterinarian prescribed them for your pet.

Weight loss is very important for healing and to decrease pressure on the trachea.

Failure to lose weight can significantly affect the outcome of this procedure.

Take home medications

Start Cephalexin as prescribed by Dr. Harper.

Start Gabapentin as prescribed by Dr. Harper.

Start Steroid as prescribed by Dr. Harper.

Start Cerenia 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.



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Warmest regards,
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