



Community Animal Treatment Center

Post-Operative Care Instructions

Same-Day Dog Pick-Up: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

We do not call for pick-ups. Please arrive anytime between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

For faster check-out, payments can be made online through our client portal prior to pick-up.

We accept cash and credit cards only — no checks, please.

If You Have Concerns, Please Do Not Wait:

If your dog is slow to recover or experiencing any complications, please contact us:

☎ (818) 330-3403 — Monday through Saturday, 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

☎ After hours: (747)-261-8703 (leave a detailed message with your name and phone number or send a detailed text)

✉ Email: info@catcburbank.org

Post-operative complications typically occur within 24–48 hours after surgery.

Contact us immediately if your pet experiences vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, or any opening at the incision site.

Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries not directly related to surgery.

CATC is not responsible for veterinary services or fees incurred at outside clinics.

For After-Hours Emergencies, Please Immediately Contact:

Metropolitan Animal Specialty Hospital

📍 6565 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90038

☎ (855) 350-7387 | Open 24 hours

NOHO Urgent Care Animal Hospital

📍 5160 Vineland Ave, Unit 111 & 112, North Hollywood, CA 91601

☎ (818) 514 - 4551 | Open 7am - 11pm

VCA Animal Specialty Group

📍 4641 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039



☎ (818) 244-7977 | Open 24 hours

Burbank Animal Urgent Care

📍 126 E Alameda Ave, Burbank, CA 91502

☎ (818) - 296-0700 - Open 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Urgent Care Animal Hospital

📍 4945 N Eagle Rock Blvd Suite, A Los Angeles, CA 90041

☎ (323) 285-2279 Open 10:00am to 11:00 pm

General Post-Op Care

- Sutures are placed under the skin and will dissolve on their own — no removal needed unless otherwise advised.
 - Offer $\frac{1}{4}$ of the normal meal about 2 hours after arriving home. If no vomiting occurs, feed the remaining portion an hour later.
 - Your pet's normal appetite should return within 24 hours.
 - If your pet received a microchip, you'll receive a registration card and instructions at check-out. **Please make sure to register it with your information as soon as possible.**
 - Mild constipation may occur after surgery due to anesthesia and fasting — this can be normal.
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Incision & Wound Care

- Keep the incision clean and dry for 10–14 days.
- Do not bathe, swim, or allow any water exposure during recovery.
- Check the incision twice daily for:
 - Redness or swelling
 - Discharge or foul odor
 - Missing sutures or open wound
 - Excessive bruising
- Do not apply hydrogen peroxide, ointments, or creams unless directed by a veterinarian.



- A small amount of clear or slightly blood-tinged discharge during the first 24 hours is normal.
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E-Collar (Cone) Use

- Your pet must wear an E-collar (cone) at all times for 10–14 days.
 - Keep the cone on, even during sleep, unless otherwise directed.
 - Prevent licking, chewing, or scratching — this can lead to infection or wound opening.
 - If your pet removes sutures or reopens the incision, call us immediately.
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Medications

- Give all prescribed medications exactly as directed.
 - Do not give human pain medication — it can be toxic to pets.
 - If vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite occurs after medication, contact us right away.
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Activity Restrictions

- No jumping, running, or strenuous activity for 7–10 days.
 - Keep your pet calm and quiet during recovery.
 - Separate your pet from other animals for 3–5 days.
 - Avoid dog parks, grooming, or daycare during this period.
 - Crate rest and short, controlled walks are recommended.
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Thank You for Entrusting Us with Your Pet's Care!

Clinic Hours: Monday–Saturday, 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Closed Sundays and major holidays