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## **POST-DENTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Name of Patient.....

What should I do when my pet arrives home after its dental?

On arriving home you should keep your pet warm and comfortable by providing a soft clean bed ideally in a quiet draft free area. Unless otherwise instructed, your pet should be offered fresh clean drinking water. After a few hours a small amount of food may be offered. Please keep your pet indoors overnight, or longer if instructed.

My pet seems very sleepy, is this normal?

Your pet has been given a general anaesthetic and/or a sedative. These drugs can take a number of hours to wear off and may cause some patients to appear drowsy for a day or so. Over the next day or two their behaviour should return to normal, however if you are at all concerned do not hesitate to contact the surgery. Most pets sleep even more than normal in the first week after surgery.

My pet has developed a slight cough since the operation. Is this anything to worry about?

Your pet may have had a tube placed in their trachea(windpipe) during the anaesthetic, which can occasionally cause mild irritation and a cough. This usually settles down within a couple of days, however if it persists please contact the surgery.

When can my pet resume a normal active life?

Your pet should return to normal within a few days of having a dental procedure performed.

Medications.....  
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Please **read the label carefully** and ensure that all medication is administered as instructed. If you experience any difficulty in dosing your pet please call the surgery for advice.

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