

Surgical Discharge Check-List

- o **Ecollar** is on patient
- o Print Surgery Report from clinic email
 - o Assure all postoperative items have been completed on Surgery check-list
 - o Place in patient medical record
- o Download <u>Discharge instructions</u> from clinic email
 - Update Medication section with names and dosages of Go-Home meds
 - Print Discharge instructions and also place a copy in patient medical record
- Catheter has been removed
- Incision/Bandage is clean, dry, intact
- o Patient is Awake, Ambulatory and Absent of pain
 - Patient is medically ready for <u>Hospital Discharge Verified</u> by

 (initials of Attending Vet, Head Vet Tech or Hospital Manager that visually inspected the pet and approved discharge)
- Verify patient bill is complete and ready for check out
- o Go-Home medications placed in patient bag
 - Explain each medication to owner (why they are on it and possible side effects)
 - Tell owner when to give the next dose of each medication
- Give Owner printed Discharge Instructions
- o Explain highlights of discharge instructions;
 - o **Confinement**
 - o <u>Cone</u>
 - o Care of Incision
- o Ask if the owner has any questions???
- Schedule their next surgical progress examination