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General Anesthesia/Sedation Home Care Instructions

If your pet was placed under general anesthesia or given a strong sedative, it is important to realize that your pet may not be his or her “normal” self for the next 12-24 hours. This means your pet may appear depressed, lethargic, and/or show no interest in normal activity or diet during this time.

Diet

- Feed small amounts of regular food unless otherwise directed for the next 24 hours (your pet may refuse to eat for the first 24 hours after anesthesia- this is normal).
- Offer water in small amounts for the next 24 hours.
- Your animal may vomit if too much food or water is given at once, due to nausea from anesthetic drugs.

Call Preston Animal Hospital if you notice any of the following:

- Vomiting, greater than 24 hours post treatment (or profuse vomiting, at any time)
- Persistent depression or weakness, greater than 24 hours post treatment
- Loss of appetite for more than 48 hours
- Profuse diarrhea