

2 Week Recheck – Angular Limb Deformity Correction (Dog)

Patient: _____

Date: _____

Incision

- Not applicable
- The skin incision has healed and no additional treatment is needed.
- The incision is irritated because your pet has been licking the site.
- The following is recommended:
 - Apply Neosporin Plus Pain control two to three times daily to the incision or irritated skin for 7 to 10 days.
 - Apply Bitter Apple solution (available at pet stores) around the incision twice daily for 7 days.
 - Keep an Elizabethan collar on your pet until the incision has healed (inflatable collars may be available at Pet Smart or your primary care veterinarian).

Exercise

- Your dog should be kept in a crate, except for elimination purposes, until the next visit in 6 weeks
- A leash must be kept on your companion whenever going outdoors.
- Ten-minute slow walks are permitted 3 times daily until the next recheck (in 6 weeks from now).
- Jumping, running, unattended stair climbing and playing with other pets are not permitted.

Rehabilitation

- No rehabilitation is needed as the forelimb should have continued splinting for another ____ weeks. Please continue cast care and monitoring of the limb to make sure that there are no issues (as described in your previous discharge instructions). Please return to us in ____ weeks to have the splint changed.
- Range of motion exercises should be performed twice daily for 6 weeks. This involves fully extending, flexing the wrist (carpus), elbow and shoulder. Hold the joints in maximal flexion, extension for 3 seconds in each position. Twenty repetitions should be done during each session.
- We recommend rehabilitation therapy by a professional therapist.

Medication and Diet

- NSAID (_____ mg tablets): give ____ tab every ____ hours for ____ weeks.
- Tramadol 50 mg: give ____ tablet(s) every ____ hours for ____ weeks.
- Dasuquin or Cosequin, as directed on the bottle.

Summary

- Healing is progressing normally.
- Healing is progressing slower than normal.

Next recheck evaluation

Please make an appointment to have an evaluation and x-rays in 6 weeks from now.