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Quality Medicine with a Caring Attitude

Post - Operative Infections

Post - operative infections are rare, but, can be a very serious problem. Unfortunately there have been cases where an infection develops within the surgical wound site and the antibiotics the patient may have been sent home with are not fighting the infection. There are a number of different options in the treatment of these infections.

Some of the signs of infection are swelling, tenderness or discomfort, discharge and redness at the surgery site. If any of these signs are noted after your pet is home, call our office and speak to a Doctor or schedule a recheck as soon as possible. The earlier the infection is noticed and treated, the faster the patient will heal. Patients who are older or have a compromised immune system are more susceptible to these infections.

Bacteria have always been around, however the infectious agents have changed and their resistance to antibiotic treatment has become stronger. Over the past several years increasing resistance has been noticed of the drugs that were thought to be "first-line" treatment. These infectious agents have mutated and are now resistant to most classes of antibiotics.

To stay ahead in the fight against surgical infections, we have reacted in a combination of ways; using disinfection, prophylaxis, new antibiotics and, above all we practice the highest level of surgical sterility. However, post-operative infection may still occur. Should your pet develop an infection, we will work with you to the best of our ability to treat the infection and to keep the cost to a minimum. While our success rate in treating these infections is excellent, there is always the rare exception.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the above information. As the owner or authorized agent, I understand there is a risk of my pet developing a post-operative infection. I am aware that should further care be necessary to treat the infection, the costs of these treatments are my responsibility. I understand that while NYVSC will do everything in their power to aid my pet in fighting the infection, no guaranty or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding results or cure.

Owner Name: _____ Patient Name: _____
(Print)

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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