POSTOPERATIVE HOME CARE

Feeding & Water

- Offer a **small meal and limited water** once your pet is home.
- If tolerated, continue with a smaller dinner.
- Resume normal feeding the following morning unless otherwise directed.

If Your Pet Received Mannitol

Do not allow your pet to have water until _____ PM.

Activity Restriction

Restrict your pet's activity for the next several weeks.

- Leash walks only for the **first 2 weeks**, even if you have a fenced yard.
- Use a **harness only for 6–12 weeks**, or as directed by our veterinarian.
- Prevent rough play, running, jumping, and aggressive toy shaking until your pet has been cleared by our veterinarian.
- No grooming, bathing, or swimming for **12 weeks**, unless otherwise directed.

E-Collar

Keep the E-collar (cone) on your pet at all times.

The E-collar is important for preventing your pet from rubbing, scratching, or otherwise injuring the surgical area.

Cleaning Around the Eyes

Gently clean around the eyelids **3–4 times daily** using a clean, warm, damp cloth.

- Wring the cloth out thoroughly before cleaning.
- The cloth should be damp, **not dripping wet**.
- A small amount of pink or bloody discharge is **normal and expected during the first few days** after surgery.

Temporary Eyelid Suture

Do not pull on, cut, or disturb the temporary eyelid suture.

- The suture is located at the outermost corner of the eyelids.
- Your pet may appear to be squinting because of the temporary placement of this suture.
- Do not attempt to adjust or remove the suture yourself.

WHEN TO CONTACT US

Please contact our office if you notice:

- Increased redness
- Increased cloudiness
- Yellow or green discharge
- Uncontrolled pain
- Changes in vision
- Any other concerning changes
- Any questions or concerns about your pet's recovery

When in doubt, **please contact our office.**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PET

Pet Name: _____

Surgery/Procedure: _____

Special Instructions:

Animal Eye Consultants of Iowa

Phone: 860-469-2393
Email: animaleyeiowa@gmail.com

Please keep these instructions available throughout your pet's recovery.