



Your pet is recovering from surgery!

- Tonight, give ½ of the normal dinner amount only when you first get home. Your animal(s) may be very hungry but giving too much food at once may cause the animal(s) to vomit.
- Give the other ½ of normal dinner amount 3 hours later if your animal(s) has not vomited, seems fully awake and is interested in eating.
- Your pet should be on strict rest for 10 days. No running, jumping, or rough playing. We recommend keeping your pet confined to a small room or a kennel to ensure activity restriction. If using either a small room or kennel, your pet will initially need to be supervised to ensure their safety.
- Do not clean or apply any ointment to the incision site.
- Do not get the incision wet for 10 days. No bathing.
- Elizabethan collars aka “e-collars” or “cone collars” help prevent your pet from self-traumatizing and/or infecting their surgery site. They are bulky – and some animals are somewhat distressed when initially wearing them – however, this is usually very temporary, and most pets quickly learn to tolerate them. Your pet may have trouble eating or drinking while wearing an Elizabethan collar. If you observe them having difficulty doing so, you may remove it temporarily at meal times, or provide assistance with eating and drinking – you must, however, provide 100% supervision during this time. Your animal should not be allowed to lick or otherwise rub at the surgery site and must wear the Elizabethan collar for 10 days
- If there is any swelling, redness, or discharge from the incision, please email our hospital at clinic@valleyhumane.org or call (925) 400-9820 ext. 201. Please allow for a response within 48 hours. If the organization is closed, you should seek veterinary attention in a timely manner. All post-surgery care occurring outside of Phil Scholz Veterinary Surgery Center will be at your own expense.
- **CATS: Your cat has been given an injection for pain control that is a slow-release medication over the next three days. There is no medication sent home for cats.**
- **DOGS: Please administer medication as prescribed, continuing for the duration of the prescription. (Metacam prescription starts tomorrow; give all prescribed doses.) See medication information on the reverse side.**

Metacam

1.5mg/ml oral suspension for dogs

Meloxicam belongs to a class of drugs known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), the same class as common over-the-counter medications such as Advil (ibuprofen), Vioxx (rofecoxib) or Aleve (naproxen), that are not safe for use in pets. Meloxicam is commonly used in veterinary medicine to alleviate pain associated with arthritis, injuries or surgery in dogs.

Method and route of administration:

Meloxicam 1.5mg/ml oral suspension is a honey flavored liquid administered orally. It may be administered directly into the mouth via a syringe or mixed with a small amount of food.

Dosage Form:

Meloxicam 1.5mg/ml oral suspension is dispensed in pre-loaded dosed syringes.

Dose and Duration:

Give one full pre-loaded dose syringe orally every 24 hours for 3-5 days as prescribed by the veterinarian.

Possible Side Effects:

Adverse reactions to NSAIDs may include loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, fecal occult blood and lethargy. The risk of side effects may increase if your pet is dehydrated, receiving other NSAIDs, corticosteroids or other drugs that may damage kidney or liver, or has a history of stomach ulcers or other GI disease. If your dog experiences any of these symptoms, please stop the medication and call your veterinarian.

Missed Dose:

If you miss a dose, administer it as soon as you remember and give subsequent doses 24 hours apart from the time missed dose was administered. Do not double the dose to catch up and do not administer less than 24 hours apart.

Storage:

Store at room temperature and away from light and moisture. Keep this honey-flavored oral liquid well out of reach of animals and children.