



## **Take Home Instructions**

### **TECA (Total Ear Canal Ablation)**

Your pet was evaluated for the presence of infection and swelling of the ear canal. It was decided that the safest treatment was removal of the ear canal.

Total ear canal ablation (removal) and bulla osteotomy is a procedure to remove the entire ear canal and remove any debris from the bulla (middle ear). This generally alleviates the chronic pain and infection associated with these ears. We have placed the ear in a bandage that will keep your pet from causing harm to the incision area. The bandage should be checked in a week or before if it is slipping from its original position.

#### **Instructions:**

1. Monitor the incision for swelling, oozing, redness or pain, these can be a sign of infection. Should this occur, please notify us immediately.
2. The sutures will need to be removed in 14 days. This can be done here or at your regular veterinarian's office.
3. Do not allow your pet to scratch at their ears, if this occurs please place a restraint collar on you pet. Your regular veterinarian can supply you with the collar if it is needed. Also, if your pet shakes its head frequently, contact us. We may need to rebandage the head to protect the incisions.

Please feel free to call with any concerns or questions you may have.

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