



Take Home Instructions

Perineal Urethrostomy

Problem: The structure that passes urine from the urinary bladder to the outside is called the urethra. In your pet's case, the urethra has become narrowed or plugged by urine crystals and passage of urine is difficult or impossible. The surgery that has been performed is to increase the passage of urine by removing the last portion of the urethra that is narrow.

Procedure: The surgery to remove the last portion of the urethra is called a perineal urethrostomy. In that surgery, the opening is permanently increased in size. Sutures used to close the tissues will not have to be removed. It is important that not lick these sutures excessively. If that is occurring, obtain a restraint collar so that the sutures are not prematurely removed.

Instructions:

1. Watch carefully for excessive licking of the incision area.
2. Discourage jumping.
3. Keep in a dry confined area.
4. Feed your pet a diet that decreases the formation of urinary crystals. This will be a permanent diet change.
5. It is important that your pet have plenty of water available at all times.
6. Watch for production of normal amounts of urine. Check the litter for evidence of urination twice daily. Let this office know if there is a significant change.
7. Please make an appointment for re-examination in 21 days.

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