



## Surgical Discharge Check-List

- o E-collar is on patient
- o Print Surgery Report from clinic email
  - o Assure all postoperative items have been completed on Surgery check-list
  - o Place in patient medical record
- o Download Discharge instructions from clinic email
  - o Update Medication section with names and dosages of Go-Home meds
  - o Print Discharge instructions and also place a copy in patient medical record
- o Catheter has been removed
- o Incision/Bandage is clean, dry, intact
- o Patient is **Awake, Ambulatory and Absent of pain**
  - o Patient is medically ready for Hospital Discharge Verified by \_\_\_\_\_  
(initials of Attending Vet, Head Vet Tech or Hospital Manager that visually inspected the pet and approved discharge)
- o Verify patient bill is complete and ready for check out
- o Go-Home medications placed in patient bag
  - o Explain each medication to owner (why they are on it and possible side effects)
  - o Tell owner when to give the next dose of each medication
- o Give Owner printed Discharge Instructions
- o Explain highlights of discharge instructions;
  - o Confinement
  - o Cone
  - o Care of Incision
- o Ask if the owner has any questions???
- o Schedule their next surgical progress examination