



Take Home Instructions

Laryngeal Paralysis

Problem: The larynx is not opening normally due to a nerve issue. This is referred to as laryngeal paralysis. Because of the paralysis it is more difficult to allow air to pass to the lungs. Your pet may have been making more noise when breathing or becoming short of breath after excitement or exercise.

Procedure: One of the cartilages of the left side of the larynx was freed from its normal position and sutured in an open position. It will heal in its new position and improve the passage of air through the larynx to the trachea and lungs.

Instructions:

1. Keep your pet indoors and confined for the next 2 weeks.
2. No running, jumping, playing or stairs. Please use a leash and harness when outside.
3. Sutures may be removed in 10-14 days either here or at your regular veterinarians.
4. Dr. Lee would like to recheck your pet in 3 weeks.
5. A harness or cross-body leash should be used when walking. The cross-body leash is a regular leash placed under the left leg and over the right side of the neck. One of these types should be used long-term.
6. Your pet should be fed slowly and elevated. Dry food can be fed in small amounts at a time. Canned food can be made into small meatballs and either hand fed or placed in an elevated bowl, a few meatballs at a time.
7. Because of the laryngeal paralysis, is at an increased risk for aspiration, which can cause pneumonia. Feeding slowly and in an elevated position will decrease this risk, but not eliminate it. If seems lethargic, is coughing, or has trouble breathing, please see your veterinarian. Please note that may have a cough for a few days due to the endotracheal tube used during surgery.

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Please call with any questions or concerns.

Patient of G.T. Lee, DVM