**Postoperative Care**

**Small animals**

* After surgery, the incision (suture site) must be protected until healing is complete.
* The dog (or cat) may be sent home wearing an Elizabethan collar to prevent rubbing or traumatizing the surgery site.
* Oral antibiotics may be prescribed if the eye or orbit was infected at the time of surgery. If the animal is painful after the surgery, pain medication may be prescribed for a few days.
* There is usually some mild postoperative swelling at the site of the surgery, and if the eye was inflamed prior to surgery, then some bruising may also be noted in the area.
* If the dog (or cat) allows it and takes comfort from it, warm wet compresses may be applied to the surgery site twice daily for five minutes.
* Occasionally the animal may have a little bloody discharge from the nostril on the same side as the surgery. These signs usually resolve within two to four days. The sutures are typically removed in seven to 10 days.
* Carefully monitor your pet after the surgery. If there is any sign of persistent swelling, if there is any oozing from the stitches, if the animal acts as if he is not feeling well, then notify your vet. Most animals are fully recovered from the surgery and are acting normal within 48 to 72 hours.
* Animals with one eye enucleated do not seem to be handicapped with respect to their vision, their mobility, or their ability to function. Animals with one eye usually behave in a completely normal fashion.

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