



Questions to Ask My Vet About Amputation

Before Surgery:

- What will life look like for my pet?
- Can they do everything as before?
- Do I need to do anything special around my home?
- If interested, ask about prosthetics before surgery.

On Discharge Day:

Pain medications:

- What are you prescribing, and what are the possible side effects?

Pain signals:

- How do I know if my pet is not getting enough pain control?
- What should I do if I think they are in pain?
- What if my pet doesn't want to eat or go to the bathroom?
- How long should I wait if they don't urinate?

Phantom Pain:

- What is phantom pain?
- How can we prevent it?
- What should I do if it happens?

Incision appearance

- How big will the incision be?
Can I cover it up?
- What does normal healing look like?
- What will the bruise look like?
- Will there be swelling?
Fluid leakage at the incision?

The New Normal

- What kind of things can my pet do while they recover?
- How do I keep my pet calm and engaged during recovery?
- When is it OK to re-start activity, and how?
- How far should my pet walk when the stitches are still in?
- When can they go back to doing what they did before?

Rehabilitation Therapy

- Can you please refer me to a rehabilitation therapist? I would like to know how to keep my pet safe and happy.

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