

**Post-Operative Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) Occlusion**  
**Instructions**

**PLEASE NOTE - These instructions are rather generic and intended to provide caregivers an idea of what is expected following this procedure. Actual instructions may vary considerably depending upon many factors.**

**Activity Limitation:**

Limit activity to brief leash walks for urination and defecation for 6-8 weeks post-operatively. This is necessary in order to allow the aorta to remodel to accommodate to the newly increased pressure. If the pressure becomes too high, as can happen with exuberant activity, the aorta can rupture resulting in acute death.

**Incisional Care:**

The incisions are covered by patch bandages. The patch bandages generally remain in place 1-3 days. Regardless of when they come off, they do not need to be replaced. The incisions should be monitored for discharge such as blood, serum or pus. If noted, contact your veterinarian. Schedule a skin suture removal visit with your veterinarian 10-14 days post-operatively.

**Analgesic and Antimicrobial Medications:**

Analgesic and antimicrobial medications should be administered as per the instructions of your veterinarian.