

Laryngeal “Tie-Back” Dismissal 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.

Your dog was presented today for a laryngeal examination and laryngeal surgery. He or she was found to have laryngeal paralysis and was taken to surgery where a cricoarytenoid lateralization (“tie-back”) was performed.

Limit your dog’s activity to brief leash walks for urination and defecation for the next 3 weeks. He or she should receive post-operative antibiotics and analgesic medications as per the instructions of your veterinarian. He or she should be fed canned dog food formed into small meatballs for the first 3-5 days post-operatively. Your dog should return to your veterinarian 10-14 days post-operatively to assess his or her progress and remove the skin staples.

Your dog will always be at risk for the development of aspiration pneumonia. As such, you should always be mindful of the acute onset of depression and anorexia. If those signs are noted, your dog should be seen by a veterinarian immediately. Do NOT wait a few days to see if things improve!