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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR
DOGS AND CATS FOLLOWING PELVIC INJURY

Your pet has been involved in an accident that has caused trauma to part of the spine called the pelvis. The extent of the injury will be explained by the veterinary surgeon when your pet goes home.

To enable healing your pet must have strict rest for up to **EIGHT WEEKS** following the accident. We advised that dogs and cats live in special cages to limit movement of the pelvis.

If your pet is allowed to move around on its hind limbs following trauma to the pelvis your pet will be in considerably more pain and discomfort than if it were caged. Caging restricts movement and helps bones, ligaments and muscles heal at a quicker rate.

In general, dogs may be allowed out in the garden to pass urine and faeces. This must be on a lead and only what is strictly necessary. Cats should have a litter tray within the cage. Bladder and gut function can be affected by pelvic injury so please let the practice know if your pet is having problems passing urine and faeces normally.

We will advise you of the correct cage size for your pet to recover in. We have cages that are available to be loaned out to clients.

The vet will want to see you regularly to ensure that you pet recovers successfully.

The vet who operated on your pet was
The nurse in charge of your pet's care was

If you have any queries regarding the treatment or your pet has any problems during recovery, please don't hesitate to contact us, any time.

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