

WARREN HOUSE VETERINARY CENTRE

Post-Lump Removal Homecare

Your pet has recently undergone surgery. The procedure is called a "lump/tumour removal", or more technically lumpectomy. In a lump removal, the growth(s) in question will have been removed in its entirety and will have either been sent for histological examination at the laboratory or disposed of accordingly.

Complications:

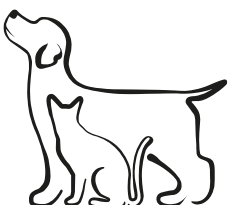
Please notify the practice at once if any of the following occur:

- Vomiting after 24 hours at home
- Diarrhoea
- Refusal to eat or drink after 24 hours at home
- No passing of urine or faeces 24 hours after their procedure
- Signs of severe pain (mild pain and discomfort are normal for the first few days after surgery)
- Excessive licking or chewing at the surgery site.
- Bleeding or discharge from the surgery site
- Gaping of wound edges
- If your pet acts off or seems "not right" in any other way

Lickers, Chewers and Chewed out stitches.

Occasionally pets will lick and chew their incision site to excess. Since little tongues and teeth can do a lot of damage in a short time, this **MUST BE PREVENTED**. To prevent licking and/or chewing at her incision site, it will be necessary to place a buster collar until the wound is healed. These are available from us at no extra cost. Medical pet shirts are also available to purchase, if this is preferred at an added cost; these are at no added cost if your pet has undergone keyhole surgery.

Occasionally pets will develop an infection despite our best efforts to prevent it. This is nearly always due to overactivity and/or due to excessive licking or chewing of the incision and appears as a green/yellow discharge from the wound. Please contact the practice immediately if you feel an infection may present.





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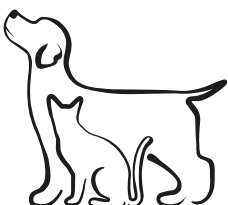
2 Post-Op Checks are performed by Veterinary Nurses or veterinary care assistants and are included in the price of your pet's surgery; however, if your pet requires additional treatment such as antibiotics, pain relief or potentially further surgery, the owner is responsible for all costs of necessary treatment because of any complications. These complications are all very rare and are handled on a case-by-case basis.

By following the guidelines below, you will be able to dramatically speed up your pet's Recovery.

- offer your pet small amounts of water when you get home and food can be offered a few hours later – we recommend a bland diet such as chicken/white fish and Rice/pasta or the food included in your home care package. However, their appetite may not be completely normal for a few days.
- Check the incision site daily for redness, swelling or discharge. If any of these signs are observed, please call the practice, and bring your pet by for a recheck as this can be a sign of infection.
- Restrict running, jumping, and climbing stairs for the next 10 days at least.
- Do not give any over-the-counter pain relievers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen as these can be poisonous to pets. We will prescribe non-steroidal pain relief medication for the following 3-5 days after surgery which should keep your pet comfortable during their recovery.
- It is recommended that your dog/cat is kept away from other animals to not cause damage to the incision sites through licking or playing.

We usually use dissolvable stitches. If your pet had external stitches, they need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please return for this service. There is no extra charge for this unless sedation is required.

Post-Operative Telephone Call - A staff member will call you a few days after the procedure to check on your pet. Do not be alarmed. This is a routine call to find out how your pet is progressing after their surgery.





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Thank you for choosing Warren House Vets for your pet's care. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Telephone: 01543 373033

WhatsApp: 07999048536.

Facebook: Warren House Veterinary Centre Ltd

Post-Operative Out-of-Hours Support



If you have any concerns following your pet's surgery, we offer free out-of-hours veterinary advice support with a UK Registered Vet, over the phone, as a part of our free VIP Club.

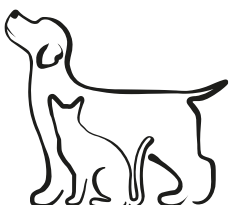
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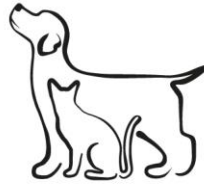
Emergency Out-of-hours Support



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Post-Lump/Tumour Removal

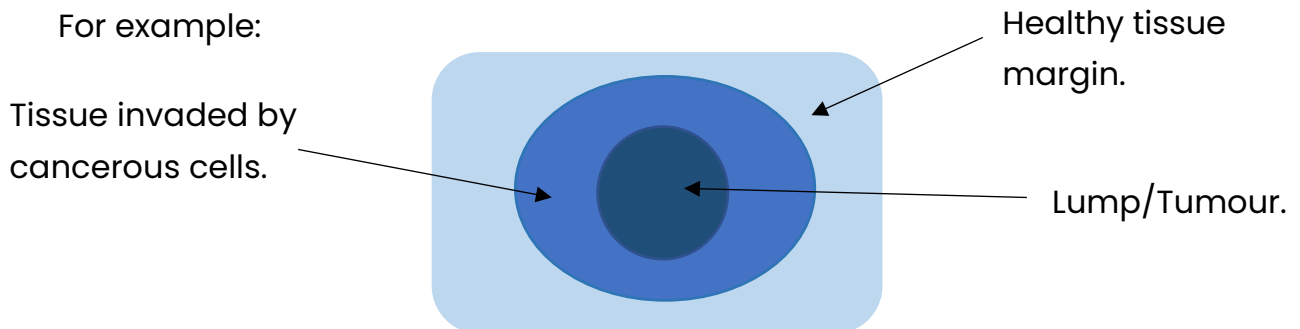
Why are big clips and wounds required for removing lumps and bumps?

Lumps and tumours can appear quite small compared to the resulting incision/surgical clip, however; this is due to the possibility of cancerous tissue extending to beyond what is visible or the lump itself.

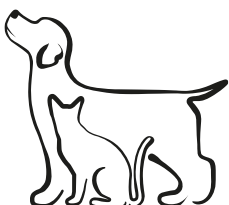
Cancerous cells which may be causing your pets lumps can invade surrounding tissue meaning a “margin” around the tumour is often required to be removed to be sure that any localised spread is removed adequately. If this is not removed, the tumour can re-grow or continue to spread.

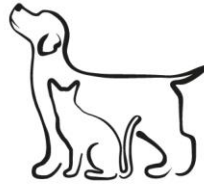
The margin is decided both by the Veterinary Surgeon and how invasive the tumour is expected to be – if it has not already been tested via biopsy or fine needle aspirate (FNA).

For example:



Therefore, the excised area may need to be considerably larger than the mass itself, which we understand can be a shock. The incision is also often made a different shape to normal incisions, usually being longer than it is wide – this is to prevent skin puckering without adding tension to the wound making it less likely to break down/open.

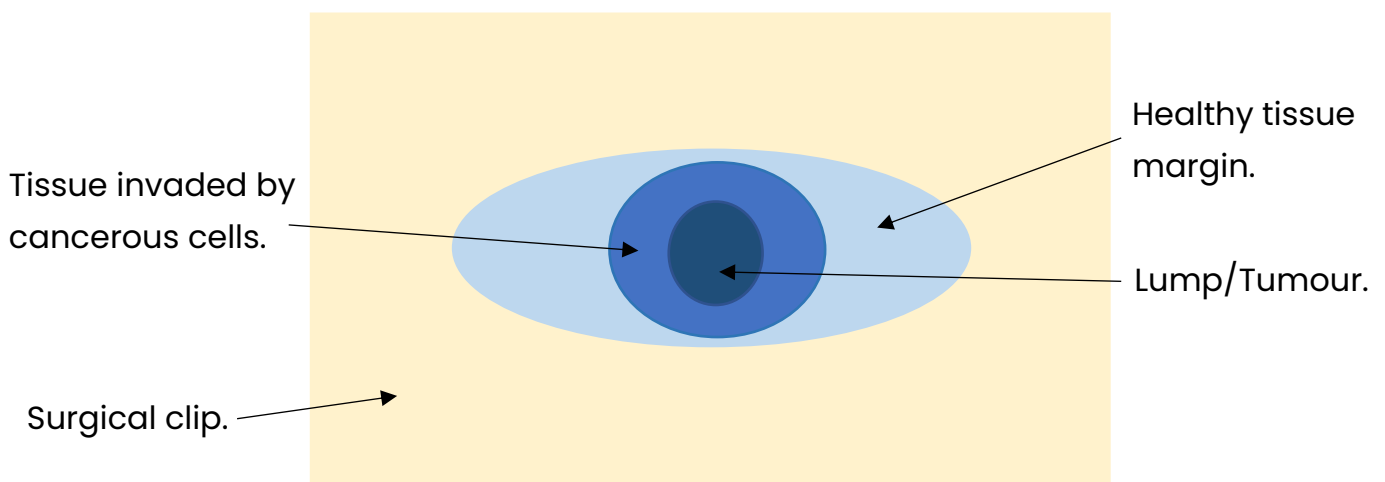




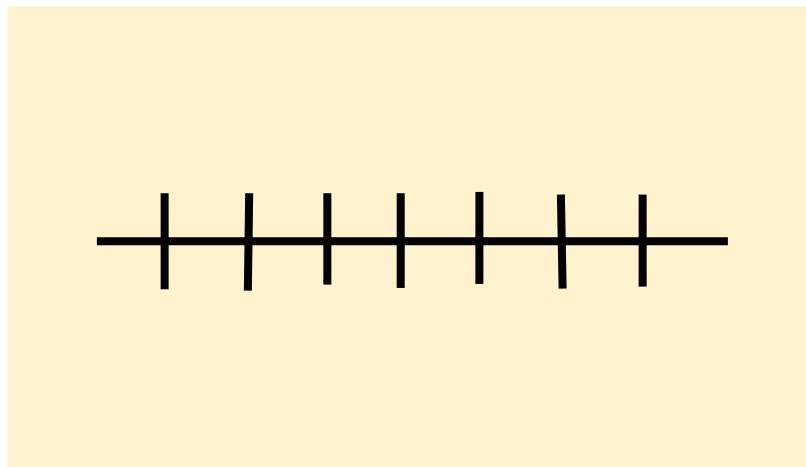
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In addition to this, the surgical clip required also needs to be larger to accommodate for the larger surgical incision. This not only makes it easier for the Veterinary Surgeon but also minimises infection risk from surrounding fur.

Therefore, the operating site may look something like this:



Once sutured, the wound should look like this:



The wound should then heal without complication, but this will be assessed at your post op check appointments.

