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## Ear Cropping Post-Op Instructions

*Dear Client: To optimize the outcome for your dogs ear cropping following surgery, we need full cooperation from you and ask that you sign this agreement. Thank you.*

- We appreciate your confidence and your business.
- Remember the terms of your agreement, follow up exams and times are very important!
- Keep the pup away from other dogs, especially other pups, for the first week that the ear brace is on.
- The taped brace may have a foul odor or discharge that accumulates. This is to be expected to a certain degree. Don't worry if some odor or discharge is present. Cleaning off the brace or the base of the ear should be done daily with hydrogen peroxide to minimize the amount of discharge accumulating. Use dry cotton so that the tape won't loosen.
- The base of the brace should stay within the ear canal to maintain an upright posture. If the brace slips out of the base of the ear canal, try to replace it within the canal and add some tape to keep it in place until your next visit. If the brace will not stay in place, please call the office and let us know. If the brace should come off, save the wire brace and return it to the office.
- Give the antibiotic every 12 hours for the first week.
- Acepromazine Tablets (sedative) are sent home to be to be given every 8-12 hours to prevent excessive scratching and digging at the ears. Use as necessary.
- Torbutrol Tablets (pain management & sedative) are sent home to be given with Acepromazine prior to your follow up appointments. Please give the prescribed dose one-half hour prior to each appointment to relax the pup. This will greatly facilitate suture removal and applying wraps during all the follow up appointments.
- Tramadol Tablets (pain management) to be given every 8-12 hours for the first 7-10 days.
- Please sign below to acknowledge this agreement.

**Client:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_