

# WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER CRYOSURGERY

- Today your pet was treated with a freezing agent to destroy its skin lesion. This technique is common in treating a variety of skin lesions in animals, as well as humans.
- Most patients experience little or no pain with cryosurgery, but if your pet is showing signs of pain or discomfort, please consult with your veterinarian about medications that could be helpful.
- If a large blister becomes present, your veterinarian may drain the blister to relieve pain or discomfort.
- With a successful treatment, the treated area may blister, turn a dark brown or black, or form a crust/scab within a few hours or days. This is normal and part of the destruction and healing process.
- If a scab or crust forms, it is recommended that you not let your pet scratch or irritate the scab, and let it slough naturally. This should take approximately 7-14 days, depending on the skin lesion size, location and your pet's healing ability.
- It's ok to bathe your pet, but try to keep the treated area as dry as possible.
- No bandage is necessary, but may be used to protect the healing lesion from injury or irritation. Try to leave the area open to air as often as possible to promote the crusting/scabbing process.
- Once the scab has sloughed, the new skin may be red, sensitive, or even itchy as it is healing. Do not bandage, irritate, or apply medications after the scab falls off. Normal skin color should return over a few weeks or months.
- Contact your veterinarian if you have further questions or concerns.

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_