



## COLONOSCOPY HANDOUT FOR PET OWNERS

Your pet has undergone a Colonoscopy procedure whilst under general anaesthetic. This procedure involves placing a long flexible endoscope camera through the anus, guiding it through the lower gastrointestinal tract to examine the rectum, colon, cecum and ileocecal valve (last part of the small intestine). Prior to inserting the camera, a gentle warm water cleansing enema is performed to remove any faecal material.

Multiple small pinch biopsies have been collected from the lining of the intestine using specialised endoscopic biopsy forceps. These samples have been placed into formalin preservative and may be submitted to a pathologist via your veterinarian. Insight Mobile Veterinary Diagnostics does not send these samples off and does not have direct access to the results. Please contact your veterinarian should you wish to discuss this procedure or the biopsy results.

Your pet can be fed a normal meal and drink normally once they are back home with you and have fully recovered, unless otherwise instructed by your vet. You may find that your pet is a little slow or lethargic as it normally takes 12-24 hours for the full effects of the anaesthetic to wear off. Please continue your pet's normal medication as prescribed by your veterinarian following the Colonoscopy procedure.

There should not be any pain or discomfort associated with the Colonoscopy procedure. The biopsy samples collected are small and healing occurs rapidly. Air that was used to inflate the intestine has been suctioned to alleviate discomfort. A small amount of fresh blood can be noticed in the stools for 1-2 days.

We wish your pet a speedy recovery.

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