

## **GASTROSCOPY HANDOUT FOR PET OWNERS**

Your pet has undergone a Gastroscopy procedure whilst under general anaesthetic. This procedure involves placing a long flexible endoscope camera through the mouth, down the oesophagus and into the stomach and duodenum (first part of the small intestine).

Multiple small pinch biopsies have been collected from the lining of the stomach and duodenum 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 Gastroscopy procedure.

There should not be any pain or discomfort associated with the Gastroscopy procedure. The biopsy samples collected are small and healing occurs rapidly within the gastrointestinal tract. Air that was used to inflate the stomach and intestine has been suctioned to alleviate discomfort.

We wish your pet a speedy recovery.

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