Post-Operative Management

**Monitoring**

* Monitor recovery from anesthesia closely and be prepared to provide respiratory support. Observe animal’s mucus membranes, heart and respiratory rate.
* Monitor the patient until it recovers from the anesthesia and ensure that sensation has returned.
* Ensure that the patient’s gait and posture are returning to normal by watching the animal walk after recovery.
* Continue monitoring the patient over a 7 day period to detect any post-operative complications.

**Owner Information**

* Instruct the owner to call if any signs of complications such as hematomas, lameness or infection at injection site appear.
* Be sure to inform the owner of the withdrawal times of any drugs used especially antibiotics, and that milk and meat are not fit for human consumption until the withdrawal period has passed.