**CLIENT EDUCATION AND CONSIDERATIONS**

* **As part of the post-operative care, the veterinarian should inform the owners about the potential side effects and complications of the procedure.**
* **If surgery is done using a nerve block, the following general post-operative considerations should be maintained by the client:**
* **Someone must be present with any animal recovering from anaesthesia until the animal is fully awake.**
* **Incisions must be monitored for swelling, exudate or pain.**
* **Daily treatments given and assessments must be recorded impeccably and these records must be readily available for the clinician for review.**
* **Keep animal in sternal recumbency to prevent asphyxiation which can ultimately lead to death.**
* **Keep animal and environs clean so that bacteria cannot proliferate and cause infection to the animal.**
* **Dress the incised area daily.**
* **Confine the animal for several days to observe its progress. Observations and treatments are vital at this time.**
* **Reduce factors which can cause stress in the recovering animal. Stress delays wound healing.**
* **Remove any protruding material (e.g. protruding nails or wires) which can rip bandages and expose wound.**
* **Ensure animal had enough fresh food and water.**