

## **E-collars also known as “Cones”**

Elizabethan collars are often used to prevent interference with any surgery site, wound or dressing. It is natural for dogs and cats to lick their wounds but this can seriously delay healing and result in infection. It is important that a protective collar is used, especially when the cat or dog is unattended and could inadvertently injure itself.

### **My pet appears upset when they are wearing the collar and bangs it into objects. Can I do anything?**

Most animals will get used to the collar after a few hours. You can ease the transition by keeping your pet in a confined space where there are no moveable objects such as stools, chairs and tables which would move if bumped into.

### **Will eating and drinking be a problem for my pet?**

A correctly sized and adjusted collar should allow for normal feeding and drinking. If your pet normally eats or drinks from a deep bowl but refuses to eat, try offering food in shallow dish or plate. If you feel you must remove the protective collar, make sure your pet is supervised until it is replaced as soon as the meal is finished.

### **Is there any special care that the collar requires?**

It is important that both sides are kept clean. It is difficult to do this while your pet is wearing the collar. Remove and clean the collar but make sure your pet is fully supervised so that it does not injure itself.

### **How long does my pet have to keep the collar on?**

The collar should stay on the full 7- 10 days while your pet is healing from surgery.

### **Where Can I get One?**

We offer them here at a cost of **\$10**. You can purchase them at most pet stores.

