## WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER CRYOSURGERY

- Veterinarians use freezing agents to destroy warts and a variety of other skin growths.
- Most patients experience little or no pain from this treatment, but if your pet is showing signs of pain or discomfort, please consult with your veterinarian about medications that could be helpful.
- Within a few hours or days after a successful treatment, the area may blister, turn a dark brown or black, or form a scab. This is a normal and desirable result.
  - If a large blister becomes present, your veterinarian may drain the blister to relieve pain or discomfort.
- If a scab or crust forms, it is recommended that you not let your pet scratch or irritate the scab. The scab will fall off as the treated area heals.
- It will take approximately 7-14 days for the scab to fall off, depending on location of treated area, size of lesion, type of lesion treated, and your pet's healing ability.
- It is ok to bathe your pet, but try to keep the treated area as dry as possible.

- No bandage is necessary but may be used to protect the healing area from injury or irritation.
- Once the scab has sloughed, the underlying skin may be red, sensitive, or even itch as it heals.
- Do not bandage, irritate, or apply any medications to the treatment site after the scab falls off.
- Normal skin color should return over a few weeks or months.
- Contact your veterinarian if you have any concerns or questions.

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