

VCA Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center  
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Patient Discharge Instructions

January 5, 2009

Client: Lisa Taylor-Austin

Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Referring Veterinarian: Dr. Donald DeForge

File Number: [REDACTED]

Patient: Simba

Species: Feline

Breed: Domestic Short Hair

Sex: female Neutered? Yes

Age: 13 yrs

Last Visit: 01/05/09

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Presenting Complaint(s): Anorexia, Lethargy, vomiting and diarrhea

Procedure: Esophagostomy Tube Placement (E-tube)

Diagnosis: Open

**Client Instructions:**

Please continue to monitor Simba for lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or inappetance and let us know if any of these occur or if she fails to improve. No running, jumping or playing is to be allowed for the next two weeks. Check the bandage around Simba's neck daily for slippage and soiling. This bandage must remain clean and dry and should cover the site where the tube enters the skin. If at any time the bandage slips or becomes dirty or wet, it must be changed by a veterinarian. Thereafter, the bandage will need to be changed by us or your regular veterinarian every 5-7 days. When Simba is adequately eating and drinking on her own the tube can be removed by us or your regular veterinarian.

**Feeding tube instructions:**

It is very important to always flush the tube before and after placing anything in it (food, medications, etc) to prevent clogging.

-Warm the diet slightly in the microwave or in a pan of warm water (test warmth on your wrist to make sure it is not too hot)

-Flush the tube with 5 mls of warm water. You should flush the tube before and after administration of food and medication

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Disclaimer:

“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.