



Laryngeal Paralysis: The Aspiration Watch

Feeding, water and the lifelong watch (especially after a tie-back)

PETSLIKEMINE
BREATHING & AIRWAYS

DOG NAME _____	TIE-BACK DATE (IF DONE) _____	VET PRACTICE _____	OUT-OF-HOURS _____
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A partly-open or surgically-opened voice box, plus the gullet weakness of GOLPP, lets food, water and saliva slip the wrong way into the lungs. A few feeding habits cut that risk, and knowing the pneumonia signs catches it early. This is a lifelong watch, not a one-off.

FEEDING TO REDUCE THE RISK

- Raise the bowls to about chest height so food travels downhill
- Soft food rolled into meatball shapes (not dry kibble, not sloppy)
- Keep things calm around food and drink
- Small, unhurried meals; do not let them gulp
- Careful with water, especially in heat or excitement; no swimming

SIGNS OF ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA, SEE A VET

A cough during or just after eating or drinking, then a fever, low energy, a poor appetite, fast or laboured breathing, or a moist, productive cough. Pneumonia needs prompt treatment, do not wait it out.

WATCH LOG

DATE	COUGH AFTER EATING?	ENERGY / APPETITE	BREATHING	NOTES
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How to use. Raised, soft, small meals and a calm mealtime, then watch the breathing and energy. Bring this log to your rechecks.

RAISED, SOFT, SMALL, AND WATCH THE BREATHING