

POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CAT

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CAT OR OTHER PETS TO LICK OR CHEW ITS INCISION. IF THIS HAPPENS, GET A “BITE NOT” OR ELIZABETHAN COLLAR IMMEDIATELY!

FEMALE CATS: KEEP INSIDE AND QUIET FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. She can smell like she is in heat for 7 days, so keep male cats away.

MALE CATS: KEEP INSIDE AND QUIET FOR 3 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. He can still be potent for weeks, so keep him away from female cats.

THE NIGHT AFTER SURGERY: + Keep your cat in its carrier, place the carrier in a quiet confined room with a small amount of food, water, and a litter box. + Open the carrier door and let your cat come out on its own. + Your cat may still be disoriented from the anesthesia and may bite or scratch -- keep children and other pets away from the cat for at least 24 hours!

Your cat has been given an injection of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory (Meloxicam) that will help reduce swelling for at least 24 hours. Do NOT give any medication to your pet unless prescribed by a veterinarian.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR FOLLOWING SURGERY:

- Your cat may be uncoordinated and weak from the anesthesia for the next 24 hours.
- It may feel some nausea and not want to eat - this is normal.
- Some redness and swelling at the incision site is normal.
- Your cat has a small, green tattoo near the incision, indicating that he/she has been altered.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR:

- Loss of appetite for more than 2 days, or refusal to drink water for more than 1 day.
- Severe depression or weakness, or vomiting after the first 24 hours.
- Diarrhea, severe pain, difficulty breathing, or incision drainage.

WOUND CARE:

- Your female cat has NO EXTERNAL sutures (unless otherwise instructed). Male cats require no sutures at all.
- If there is any discharge or foul odor, or if the incision opens, get medical attention as soon as possible (see below).
- Do not bathe your pet for the next 7 days, as this may cause infection at the surgery site. A sponge bath, avoiding the incision, is allowed.

If you have concerns about your pet's condition or incision, call PetLuv (352-799-9990) Monday through Saturday. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery-related problems only. If you elect to go elsewhere, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur. For life-threatening emergencies during non-business hours, call an emergency clinic at (727) 841-6575, or consult your local yellow pages. (Please note: PetLuv is not affiliated with any emergency clinic. Any charges incurred are the client's responsibility.)

