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Pet Cat Spay/Neuter Post Surgery Care Instructions

Cat Name: _____ Owner Name: _____

Surgery Date: _____

- ✔ **No running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity for 7 to 10 days. Try to keep your pet quiet.** Cats should be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm.
- ✔ **Check the incision site daily.** There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs your pet **MUST** wear an e-collar until the surgical area is completely healed. The edge of the collar needs to be long enough to go past the tip of the nose. The e-collar will prohibit the pet from licking, biting, or pulling at the suture area.
- ✔ Female cats that are in heat need to be kept away from male cats for a minimum of 10 days after surgery.
- ✔ **Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery.** Start by offering a small amount of water followed by a small meal (about ½ of a normal meal). Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give them junk food, table scraps, milk or any people food during the recovery period. Feeding them their regular diet will help avoid gastrointestinal upset.
- ✔ Kittens younger than 4 months should be offered food once you get home. Keeping kittens warm and providing them with food prevents hypothermia and hypoglycemia.
- ✔ **There are no sutures to be removed unless otherwise specified.**
- ✔ **Your pet will receive pain medication(s) that should help with pain control during the first 24 hours after surgery as an injection during surgery.** If your cat needs additional pain medication, please contact us at the number listed below for advice. **DO NOT** give your cat any human pain medications (i.e. Tylenol, Aleve, etc.), as these can be fatal to some animals.
- ✔ If there are any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery during the recovery period, please contact us at **551-7163**. If there is an after-hours emergency, contact your regular veterinarian or local emergency hospital. Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting is not normal. If any of these occur, your pet should be evaluated immediately.
- ✔ In case of emergency, bring this form and present it to the veterinarian. Below is the anesthetic protocol used:

_____ mL BDK (buprenorphine 0.3mg/mL, Dexdomitor, ketamine; 1:1:2 respectively) administered IM
at ____: ____

_____ mL Pen-G SQ pre-op

_____ mL Antisedan administered IM / IV post-op at ____: ____