

Post-Surgical Home Instructions

Diet

- ✓ Give only small amounts of water frequently (**every 15-30 minutes**)
- ✓ Only small amounts of food after surgery
- ✓ Return to regular diet the following morning

Activity

- ✓ Drowsiness may occur today and tomorrow
- ✓ Normal activity within reason (**recommend monitoring patient for 24-48hrs**)

Incision Care

- ✓ Watch incision for swelling, redness or drainage. (**Apply Animax or Neosporin**)
- ✓ Keep patient in a clean environment
- ✓ Do not allow patient to lick or chew incision (**e-collars are available**)

Other Instructions

- ✓ Sutures should dissolve in 3-4 weeks unless stainless steels are used (**call clinic if they haven't**)
- ✓ Use shredded paper in the litter box for 4-7 days for declawed cats.
- ✓ Notify us if you observe any of the following:
 - Loss of appetite for MORE than 2 days
 - Refusal to drink water for MORE than 1 day
 - Weakness or depression
 - Vomiting or diarrhea **AFTER** 24 hours

Doctor's Special Instructions:

We recommend keeping all neutered males AWAY from any female who is in heat for AT LEAST 2 weeks after the neuter. The breeding capability is still a possibility.

Medications:

We make every effort to avoid complications, but unexpected problems can always occur. Complications might include infection, wound breakdown or chewing out sutures. **The owner is responsible for any and all charges resulting from any complication of the surgical procedure beyond our control.**

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