

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 SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER SURGERY. She can smell like she is in heat for seven (7) days, so keep male cats away.

MALE CATS: KEEP INSIDE AND QUIET FOR FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER SURGERY. He can still be potent for up to fourteen (14) days, so keep him away from female cats.

THE NIGHT AFTER SURGERY:

- * Keep your cat in a quiet, confined area like a bathroom or bedroom.
- * Still in its carrier, place your cat in the room with 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!

Your cat has been given an injection of meloxicam at a dose of 0.14 mg/lb – this will provide pain relief for at least 24 hours. DO NOT GIVE ANY HUMAN PAIN MEDICATION TO YOUR PET.

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.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR:

- Loss of appetite for more than two (2) days or refusal to drink water for more than one (1) day.
- Severe depression or weakness.
- Vomiting after the first 24 hours.
- Diarrhea, severe pain or incision drainage

WOUND CARE:

- Your female cat has NO EXTERNAL sutures (unless otherwise instructed). Male cats require no sutures.
- 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 seven (7) days as this may cause infection at the surgery site. A sponge bath, avoiding the incision, is allowed.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DECLAW SURGERY

****FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) DAYS****

- Use shredded newspaper or yesterday’s news litter – gravel litter will stick to incisions.
- Do not handle or try to clean your cat’s paws – it will lick and clean them on its own.
- Keep in a restricted area – on a padded floor. Do NOT allow jumping or any activity that will cause a shock to the front paws.

If you have concerns about your pet’s condition or incision, call Planned Pethood. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery related problems on Wednesdays and Saturdays 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 (consult your yellow pages). Please note that Planned Pethood is not affiliated with any emergency clinic. Any charges incurred are the client’s responsibility.