



POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS – CAT SPAY

YOUR CAT'S CARE AFTER SURGERY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY (EVEN DEATH) TO YOUR CAT

ANESTHESIA WEARS OFF SLOWLY IN SOME CATS. YOUR CAT MAY HALLUCINATE AND GROWL AT INVISIBLE OBJECTS. YOUR CAT ALSO MAY BE FRIGHTENED BY LIGHTS, SOUNDS, MOVEMENTS, AND BEING TOUCHED. FOR TONIGHT, IT IS BEST TO LEAVE YOUR CAT ALONE IF SHE PREFERS.

TONIGHT, KEEP YOUR CAT CONFINED IN A SMALL ROOM WHERE IT IS WARM AND QUIET. A BATHROOM WORKS WELL, BUT REMEMBER TO KEEP THE TOILET LID DOWN. IF YOUR CAT PANICS WHILE ALONE IN THE SMALL ROOM, LET HER STAY WITH YOU, AS LONG AS YOU CAN ENFORCE REST AND AVOID ROUGH PLAY WITH CHILDREN OR OTHER PETS.

YOU MAY OFFER SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD AND WATER, BUT DON'T BE CONCERNED IF YOUR CAT IS NOT INTERESTED FOR THE FIRST 12-24 HOURS. IF YOUR CAT VOMITS, REMOVE FOOD AND WATER FOR 8 HOURS. IF YOUR CAT CONTINUES TO REFUSE WATER AFTER 24 HOURS, CAREFULLY FORCE-FEED SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER OR PEDIALYTE.

DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN, TYLENOL, OR OTHER HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS TO YOUR CAT. THESE CAN BE DEADLY TO CATS.

YOUR CAT SHOULD AVOID HIGH PLACES SUCH AS BEDS OR OTHER FURNITURE FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. ALSO, ACTIVITY MUST BE MINIMAL FOR 7-14 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. RUNNING, JUMPING, AND WRESTLING WITH OTHER PETS AND CHILDREN ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INCISION. THE CLINIC WILL REPAIR DAMAGED INCISIONS, BUT THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO THE OWNER.

KEEP YOUR CAT CLEAN AND DRY FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. DISCOURAGE YOUR CAT FROM LICKING THE INCISION. IF YOUR CAT INSISTS ON LICKING, THE CLINIC CAN PROVIDE A COLLAR THAT WILL PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE – THE COST IS \$10.

YOUR CAT HAS BURIED SUTURES, SO REMOVAL IS NOT NECESSARY.

FEMALE CATS MAY TRY TO BREED FOR 2 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS TO HER – KEEP HER AWAY FROM MALES.

CHECK THE INCISION EACH DAY FOR BLEEDING, DISCHARGE, OR WOUND OPENING. SOME BRUISING, REDNESS AND HARD SWELLING ARE EXPECTED AND ARE NOT CAUSE FOR ALARM.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY LOTIONS OR MEDICATIONS ON THE INCISION AREA UNLESS WE HAVE DIRECTED YOU TO DO SO. WATCH FOR VAGINAL DISCHARGE FOR 3 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CAT IS HAVING COMPLICATIONS, PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING TO THE CLINIC. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN ANIMAL EMERGENCY SERVICE; THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 326-7449. PLEASE BE AWARE YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES.