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HEMOCARE INSTRUCTIONS - CAT NEUTER

The First Night Postop

Your pet will be groggy and possibly nauseous from the anesthesia and will probably just want to sleep the first night. If your pet is interested in eating and drinking you can offer free choice water and about ½ of a normal meal. Please keep your pet in a safe area restricted from stairs and furniture or any other safety hazards in your home since they will be unsteady on their feet. Keep other family pets and children away from our postoperative patient so they can relax and sleep.

Pain Medications

Did you know that pain will dramatically slow the healing process?

All of our cat neuter patients will go home with Metacam (anti-inflammatory) which is included in your neuter price.

Your pet received an injection of metacam postoperatively so you will start the oral Metacam about 24hours after surgery.

The morphine your cat received for surgery will wear off about 6-8 hours postoperatively.

Side effects of Metacam can include vomiting, diarrhea and loss of appetite. If this occur please discontinue the metacam and call us.

Incision Management

The most important thing you can do for incision healing is to prevent your cat from licking. 99.9% of our feline patients do not lick or chew their incision. If your cat is one of our 0.1% who want to lick their incision please call us to pick up an e-collar. Check the incision twice daily for signs of redness, discharge, pain, swelling and/or odour. If any of these are present please call the clinic.

There are no sutures to be removed.

No bathing for 14 days after surgery.

Incisions can be cleaned if necessary using warm water and cotton balls. Clean only around the incision and never over the actual incision. Rarely will an incision require any cleaning.

Eating & Drinking

Your pet should have resumed normal eating and drinking habits by 24hours postop. If they haven't please call us.

Exercise

Okay...we know that many cats sleep 23 hours a day but please keep in mind for our more active kitties we do want to do the best we can to strongly discourage highwire acts, aerial maneuvers and circus tricks in the first 48 hours postop. Keep your cat indoors for sure for 3 days postop.

Cat neuters are typically back to full speed about 24hours postop but please monitor them until 3 days postop.

When Is It A Post-Operative Emergency?

1. Signs of pain despite having administered the postoperative pain medication. Some individuals need significantly more pain medication to be comfortable. Please call us immediately if you pet is unable to get comfortable at home after surgery.
2. Repeated vomiting and/or diarrhea needs to be addressed immediately to prevent dehydration and pain.
3. Signs of bleeding may include:
 - a. Weakness
 - b. Shortness of breath
 - c. Pale gums
 - d. Loss of consciousness



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