

Post Operative Instructions

Cat Castration

After undergoing surgery today performed under a general anaesthetic it is important you follow these instructions to ensure your cat feels more comfortable and aids a speedy recovery.

- Having had a full general anaesthetic he will probably feel sleepy overnight. He may appear 'normal' but needs quiet and rest for the remainder of the day. It is best to keep him confined to one room with a comfortable place to sleep and he can stay calm.
- We needed to clip the coat around the surgical site and occasionally on the forelimbs for the anaesthetic injections, the fur will regrow in 4-6 weeks fully.
- After the anaesthetic although he may appear hungry, he may be feeling a little sick. Therefore, only give him a small meal later tonight, only half the normal quantity and keep it very bland. No treats or rich food as this may make him vomit. He can go back to his normal diet tomorrow and there should be no vomiting or diarrhoea. Water can be given at all times but no milk or other liquids. Don't be worried however if he doesn't want to eat tonight, his appetite should return by tomorrow.
- We have given him antibiotics and painkillers today which will be sufficient and no further medication is required.
- He may be agitated and aggressive in the first 24-48hrs so try to avoid handling as he may scratch or try to bite, isolate him from all other pets and children to avoid any distress or injuries.
- It is best to avoid contact with other cats or pets for the first few days to avoid any excessive activity, playing, tumbling etc
- There are no stitches in his wound, the wound should close over in 2-3 days and heal quickly. Check his wound daily, there should not be any redness, discharge or swelling, and it should not be painful. If it is, you should bring her back for an examination immediately.
- Do not use any creams/ointments on the wound.
- Keep him indoors for the first 5-7 days until the wound is fully healed to avoid any possible infections. This involves him staying in and using a litter tray indoors also.
- Cat castration wounds usually heal very well without any concerns, unless an infection occurs. Therefore, we do not routinely ask you to bring him back for a check up. If you have any concerns or queries however, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.