

Post Operative Instructions

Cat Spay

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 she will probably feel sleepy overnight. She may appear 'normal' but needs quiet and rest for the remainder of the day. It is best to keep her confined to one room with a comfortable place to sleep and she can stay calm.
- We needed to clip the coat around the surgical site and occasionally on her forelimbs for her anaesthetic injections, the fur will regrow in 4-6 weeks fully.
- After the anaesthetic although she may appear hungry, she may be feeling a little sick. Therefore, only give her a small meal later tonight, only half the normal quantity and keep it very bland. No treats or rich food as this may make her vomit. She can go back to her normal diet tomorrow. Water can be given at all times but no milk or other liquids. Don't be worried however if she doesn't want to eat tonight, her appetite should return by tomorrow.
- We have given her antibiotics and painkillers today which will be sufficient and no further medication is required.
- She may be agitated and aggressive in the first 24-48hrs so try to avoid handling as she may scratch or try to bite, isolate her 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 7-10days to avoid any excessive activity, playing, tumbling etc
- She may or may not have stitches or staples in the skin, if so they will need to be removed in 10 days and we should see her sooner if she removes them herself! If not then all his stitches are internal and will dissolve without any intervention.
- Check her 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. Most problems and infections arise from the cat licking the wound and can open it up in a matter of minutes. If she appears to be doing this, you will need to contact us to get a buster collar as soon as possible.
- Do not use any creams/ointments on the wound.
- Keep her indoors for at least 10days until the wound is fully healed to avoid any possible infections. This involves her staying in and using a litter tray indoors also. This is especially important if she does have a buster collar on as cats can get the collar caught outdoors and cause serious injuries to themselves. Please be very strict not to allow her to go outside.

Your next appointment should be made indays

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns.