

CAT POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Exercise

- Keep pet confined in area, crate or small room for the first 24 hours after surgery. Your pet may be sedated for the next 12-24 hours after anesthesia.
- Restrict your pet's activity for the next 10-14 days. (No running, jumping or rough play)
- Keep the incision site dry; do not bathe, allow swimming or apply topical ointment during the recovery period

Feeding

- At dinnertime offer your pet their normal food. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Do not change your pet's diet at this time. Feeding them their regular diet will help avoid gastrointestinal upset. If vomiting occurs, please contact your veterinarian.

Vaccine

- If your pet received a vaccine at our clinic other than rabies, please discuss a "booster" vaccine with your regular veterinarian (see medical notes)

Medication

- Your pet has received an injectable medication to control pain. Never give OTC pain medication to your pet.

Incision Care

- Your pet received a green tattoo on or near the incision. This is to show s/he has been spayed or neutered and prevent any future unnecessary surgery.
- Please discourage licking or chewing at surgery site. This could lead to infections or other complications.
If licking occurs an E-COLLAR is recommended for the next 10-14 days.
- Please check incision twice daily for any excessive swelling, redness, or discharge. In female cats the incision is on the belly, and in male cats there are two below the tail. (see medical notes).
- There are no sutures to be removed unless otherwise specified

Monitor

- Minimal redness & swelling of the surgery site should resolve within several days.

Please Watch for the Following:

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| • Loss of appetite | • Lethargy |
| • Drainage from incision | • Excessive bruising around incision |
| • Excessive swelling | • Vomiting |
| • Changes to breathing | • Diarrhea |

We will make every reasonable effort to treat at OUR CLINIC, at minimal cost, any post-operative complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-operative instructions are followed in full. Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery. If you have any immediate concerns or questions regarding your pet's spay and neuter surgery please call (410)-889-7729 or email spay@mdspca.org during our normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8am to 4 pm). After office hours, please call contact your veterinarian or the nearest veterinary emergency facility such as PET+ER (410) 252-8387