

Congratulations!!! You just had your Cat fixed!!!

Now what do I do?

There are several things you need to do in order to ensure your pet has a successful post-surgical recovery!
Here it is by the numbers!!

1. Your Cat **CANNOT** have water for 2 hours, and no food for 6 hours after surgery. We want to make sure your pet is safe from the effects of anesthesia and drinking or eating prior to these times can cause complications. We do suggest we keep you kitties in their crates for several hours when they get home. Open the door of the crate and put them in a small room to recover.
2. **What about pain medication??** Right after surgery, cats receive a pain injection. This medication provides pain relief and also has a sedative effect. Boys receive a 24-hour dose, while girls receive a 72- hour dose...lucky girls!!! Oh yeah, we don't want your kitty to have a sedative in their system and go for a sip out of the toilet (yuck!!). We don't want them to fall in and be unable to get out! We take all precautions when your little ones are recovering from surgery!! Let's keep them safe!!!
3. If your pet is slightly bleeding at the incision, don't be alarmed. A slight amount of blood is not uncommon. **DO NOT clean the incision, and DO NOT apply Neosporin** or any other antibiotic ointment to accelerate healing. If bleeding persists for more than a couple of hours, please email us and we will review the condition of your pet. We're open Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
4. **We DO NOT want to see pus or discharge from the incision.** These are the signs of an infection, and we want to address those conditions immediately. Infections take a couple of days to form, and if they appear, take a picture of the incision and email the photo to purrfurredpetsurgery@gmail.com and we'll review your pet's condition with you. By the way, look for a very small tattoo on or near the incision. This indicates your pet has been fixed.
5. **For girls only...for girls only!!!** Sutures/stitches dissolve and absorb into your pet's body. It takes up to 90 days to fully dissolve. So, if you see what looks like a thin black wire that's popping out of your little one's incision, don't be alarmed. This is just suture material your pet is trying to push out. We don't commonly see this, but it does happen on occasion. If there is any length to it, **DO NOT pull it!!** **And...DO NOT use scissors to cut it!** Use finger or toenail clippers, get close to the skin and clip the excess suture material. Boy cat incisions are so small, surgical glue is all that's required to close the surgery location...so no sutures for the boys...lucky boys!!

Now for the good part!!!

6. Boys, you get to wear the cones for 3-5 days! Girls, you're not so lucky!! You get to wear the cone for 7-14 days! You can take it off so your pet can eat and drink, or if you want to cuddle or just hang out with them...if they're not licking or chewing their incision. **But...if they are OUT of your SIGHT, or, if you're SLEEPING, they MUST have their cones on!! No exceptions boys and girls!!!**
7. Your pet **CANNOT get their incisions wet!** Boys 10 days, girls 14 days.

Now for the most important thing!!!!!! PLEASE READ, No really, PLEASE READ!!

8. Boys, you're on 7 days bed rest! And girls, you're on 14 days bed rest. **NO RUNNING!! NO JUMPING, NO PLAYING!!!** This is the number one reason pets experience post-surgical complications! Walking around the house is acceptable, but this is the extent of your pet's physical activity! Sorry guys, we'll let you be regular Cats after you're fully healed up!