



## **Cat Spay/Neuter Aftercare Instructions**

There are several things you need to do to ensure your pet has a successful post-surgical recovery:

1. **No water for 2 hours and no food for 6 hours.** Due to the effects of anesthesia, drinking or eating prior to these times can cause complications. We recommend keeping your cat inside their carrier and placing them in a quiet room to recover for a couple of hours. Open the carrier and allow your cat to come out on their own.
2. Your cat will receive a pain injection after surgery. This provides pain relief and has a sedative effect. **Males receive a 24 hour dose, females receive a 72 hour dose.**
3. A small amount of blood around the incision is common. Discharge (pus), however, can be a sign of infection, and we want to address that immediately. **DO NOT CLEAN THE INCISION OR APPLY NEOSPORIN**, or any ointments/sprays to speed up the healing process. If bleeding persists, or if you notice any discharge, please email us at: **[purrfurredpetsurgery@gmail.com](mailto:purrfurredpetsurgery@gmail.com)**

We will have a technician review the condition of your pet and respond via email.

4. **Female cats** will have sutures (stitches). The sutures we use are dissolvable and absorb into your pet's body. It takes up to 90 days to fully dissolve. If you notice a thin, black wire near your pet's incision, that is the suture material trying to push out of your pet's body. Not commonly seen, but it does happen. **DO NOT PULL OR CUT IT.** Over time, the material will go away on its own.  
**Males cat** incisions are so small, surgical glue is all that's required to close the surgery location.
5. Your pet's incision needs to stay dry, so no baths or getting the area wet in general. **No baths for 2 weeks until fully healed.**
6. Your pet must wear their e-collar (cone) while recovering to prevent them from licking or opening up their incision. You can take the cone off if they need to eat or drink, or if you are keeping a close eye on them. **Males must wear the e-collar for 3-5 days, females must wear the e-collar for 14 days.**
7. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!** Your pet must stay on bed rest during the recovery period. No running, jumping, or playing until they are fully recovered. We do not want to risk your pet's incision opening, which can cause complications and result in extra charges at the owner's expense.

Please make sure you follow these instructions to prevent any issues. If you have any questions, please send us an email and we will be happy to assist you.

**We are open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

**IT'S UP TO YOU TO MAKE YOUR PET'S SURGERY A SUCCESS!**

**In case of after hour emergencies, please call:**  
**AVECCC (Arizona Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Center)**  
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602-491-1928