



**POST OPERATIVE CARE FOR CATS**

**RECOVERY**

Most animals are much quieter than usual for at least 24 hours after an anaesthetic, so make sure there is a bed in a warm, draught free and quiet place.

**FEEDING**

After general anaesthesia (unless otherwise instructed) your cat may be offered water when she/he gets home and a diet recommended by the veterinary surgeon. Do not worry however if nothing is eaten that day. After a day or two, the appetite should return to normal.

**EXERCISE**

Cats should be confined to the house (preferably one room) at least until any stitches are removed. They should not be allowed to climb curtains or indulge in acrobatics! Tom cats which have been castrated may usually be allowed out again 24 -36 hours after surgery.

**GENERAL**

You will notice a shaved area on one or both front legs. This is where the anaesthetic was given, and where fluid may have been given during the operation. If blood has been taken from your cat for various tests, you will notice the neck area has been shaved. Nearly all cats have a tube passed down their throats through which they breath during surgery. As a result of this a cough may develop for a day or two afterwards.

**STITCHES**

Stitches are usually dissolvable unless otherwise stated. It is very important to prevent your cat from licking the wound as this delays healing and often leads to wound infections. You will be supplied with an Elizabethan collar and this is best left on all the time. Your cat will quickly adjust to it and can eat and sleep quite happily once used to it. The nurse will show you how to fit it. We cannot be held responsible for any additional charges being incurred if an animal interferes with a surgical wound.

Cats must be kept in at all times when wearing a collar.

**Pronounced swelling, reddening, weeping or bleeding of wounds should always be reported to us promptly.**

Special instructions

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**Please phone for advice if you are worried about any aspect of your pet’s recovery - 01692 403202**

Discharge checklist (Veterinary use only)

Wound checked

Cannula removed

Buster collar provided