



## **POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS – CAT NEUTER**

**YOUR CAT'S CARE AFTER SURGERY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY (EVEN DEATH) TO YOUR CAT**

ANESTHESIA WEARS OFF SLOWLY IN SOME CATS. YOUR CAT MAY HALLUCINATE AND GROWL AT INVISIBLE OBJECTS. YOUR CAT ALSO MAY BE FRIGHTENED BY LIGHTS, SOUNDS, MOVEMENTS, AND BEING TOUCHED. FOR TONIGHT, IT IS BEST TO LEAVE YOUR CAT ALONE IF HE PREFERS.

TONIGHT, KEEP YOUR CAT CONFINED IN A SMALL ROOM WHERE IT IS WARM AND QUIET. A BATHROOM WORKS WELL, BUT REMEMBER TO KEEP THE TOILET LID DOWN. IF YOUR CAT PANICS WHILE ALONE IN THE SMALL ROOM, LET HIM STAY WITH YOU, AS LONG AS YOU CAN ENFORCE REST AND AVOID ROUGH PLAY WITH CHILDREN OR OTHER PETS.

YOU MAY OFFER SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD AND WATER, BUT DON'T BE CONCERNED IF YOUR CAT IS NOT INTERESTED FOR THE FIRST 12-24 HOURS. IF YOUR CAT VOMITS, REMOVE FOOD AND WATER FOR 8 HOURS. IF YOUR CAT CONTINUES TO REFUSE WATER AFTER 24 HOURS, CAREFULLY FORCE-FEED SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER OR PEDIALYTE.

DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN, TYLENOL, OR OTHER HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS TO YOUR CAT. THESE CAN BE DEADLY TO CATS.

IF YOUR CAT HAD MORE SURGERY THAN A ROUTINE NEUTER (HIDDEN TESTICLE, EAR FLUSH, DECLAW), HE SHOULD AVOID HIGH PLACES SUCH AS BEDS OR OTHER FURNITURE FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. ALSO, ACTIVITY MUST BE MINIMAL FOR 7-14 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. RUNNING, JUMPING, AND WRESTLING WITH OTHER PETS AND CHILDREN ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INCISIONS. THE CLINIC WILL REPAIR DAMAGED INCISIONS, BUT THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO THE OWNER.

KEEP YOUR CAT CLEAN AND DRY FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. DISCOURAGE YOUR CAT FROM LICKING THE INCISIONS. IF YOUR CAT INSISTS ON LICKING, THE CLINIC CAN PROVIDE A COLLAR THAT WILL PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE – THE COST IS \$10.

UNLESS YOUR CAT HAD ADDITIONAL SURGERY, HE HAS TWO SMALL INCISIONS WHERE THERE USED TO BE TESTICLES. THESE INCISIONS HAVE NO SUTURES AND WILL FORM LITTLE SCABS THAT WILL HEAL IN TIME.

MALE CATS CAN REMAIN FERTILE FOR 3-4 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY – KEEP HIM AWAY FROM FEMALES.

CHECK THE INCISIONS EACH DAY FOR BLEEDING, DISCHARGE, OR WOUND OPENING. SOME BRUISING, REDNESS AND HARD SWELLING ARE EXPECTED AND ARE NOT CAUSE FOR ALARM.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY LOTIONS OR MEDICATIONS ON THE INCISION AREA UNLESS WE HAVE DIRECTED YOU TO DO SO.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CAT IS HAVING COMPLICATIONS, PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING TO THE CLINIC. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN ANIMAL EMERGENCY SERVICE; THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 326-7449. PLEASE BE AWARE YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES.