

SURGICAL DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS: NEUTERED MALE CATS

General Information: Neutering is the surgical removal of the testicles. When a cat is neutered, the cat's sexual instincts are reduced, and the cat becomes sterile. Fighting and night prowling, common in intact male cats, are largely eliminated (however, your cat may still want to go outdoors to hunt). The objectionable urine odor of the male cat is also reduced.

You should be aware that the effects of neutering your cat will not be immediate. There is a period of time, usually from 2 to 6 weeks, that their behavior will continue as it had before the surgery. During this time they will still be attracted to female cats. As the hormones in the body that influence these behaviors decline, the bad habits will also tend to disappear.

Surgical Procedure:

Your pet was given a preoperative physical exam to help ensure his safety during anesthesia and surgery. The operation was performed under general anesthesia. Recovery is generally uneventful and aftercare is minimal.

Home Care:

1. Diet: Feed the normal diet starting the day after surgery.
2. Exercise: Confine your cat indoors for 3-5 days.
3. Litter box: Replace the normal litter with shredded newspaper for 3 days.

Notify the Doctor if Any of the Following Occur:

- \* Your cat's urine is bloody.
- \* Your cat vomits or is reluctant to eat.
- \* Your cat seems depressed or lethargic.
- \* The surgical site swells or you notice any bleeding.

Emergency clinics for after hours emergency care:

- \* Animal Emergency Clinic - Southwest HWY59  
1515 Lake Pointe PKWY 281-491-7800
- \*Animal Emergency Clinic-San Felipe/610  
1111 West Loop South 713-693-1100
- \*Animal Emergency Clinic-Katy Frwy  
8921 Katy Frwy 713-932-9589

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