

Information regarding the postoperative care of neutering your cat

Anaesthesia

- The used anaesthesia for this procedure is through injections and your cat has received oxygen through a special mask held in front of the face of your cat.
- A special ointment has been used to protect the eyes during the anaesthesia, therefore the eyelids can still be a little wet/greasy. In some cases, the eyes can appear to be a little bit red, this will resolve without any interference needed.
- Your cat can still be a little bit lethargic when returning home. It is best to place him in a warm place (not right next to a heat source such as the heating, or directly in the sun, as they will have difficulties regulating their temperature) and let him rest as much as possible. As he can be a little lethargic it is important to make sure that he cannot injure himself when for example trying to stand up. If your cat is still very lethargic the next day, please contact the clinic.

Eating/drinking

- On the day of the procedure, it is important to not let your cat eat anything until late in the evening, otherwise there is a risk of choking. The assistant will tell you when it is safe to let him eat again. When offering him food it is important to give small portions of food and water, and only when you yourself are present to make sure he does not choke. Do not feed him with a syringe (risk of choking). Remove the food and water in the night, as there is always a small chance of drowning.
- The metabolism of your cat will change after the neutering, and he will be more prone to gaining weight. Therefore, it is important to feed her less than she received before the surgery. Our food consulent (veterinary nurse) will be happy to provide more advice.

Medication

- Today, your cat has already received several injections to prevent pain.
- Any additional medication should be given following the instructions on the medication box.

Wound

Slight swelling of the area around the wound is not worrisome. However, if the area feels warm, is very red and swollen and/or you see pus, it is best to contact our clinic to schedule a check-up. If you have any concerns regarding the healing of the wound: feel free to contact us! There are no stitches in the wound.

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Cone / pet shirt

- A cone can help to protect the wound from licking or scratching. Our veterinarians can advise on the best option.

Bandage

- If still present, the small bandage on the front paw (from the IV) should be removed when you arrive home.

Movement

- Keep him inside for 1-2 days, do not let him outside if he is wearing a cone
- For 10 days don't wash him or use a topical (on the skin) anti-flea treatment

For questions we are available during our <u>opening hours</u>. Outside of these hours, the <u>emergency veterinarian</u> is available.

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