

Pet's Name: _____

Discharge Date: _____

Airport Veterinary Clinic
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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR CAT FOLLOWING REPRODUCTIVE ALTERATION

PROPER RESTRAINT

Your cat may still be slightly groggy from the anesthetic as they leave the office. To prevent any injury, it is best to have your cat in a pet carrier. A pet carrier will ensure the safety of your cat and decrease any chance of injury during the ride home. Upon arriving at home, provide a quiet area where your cat can fully recover over the next 12 to 24 hours.

FOOD AND WATER

Your cat has been fasted for their safety in preparation for general anesthesia and surgery. Because of this, they may want to eat right after they return home. It is best to wait 1 to 2 hours after arriving home before offering half of a normal meal to them. Offer small, frequent amounts of water this evening. Normal meals can be resumed in the morning.

ELIMINATION

The gastrointestinal tract can be affected by general anesthesia and surgery. This may result in your cat having soft stools or constipation for 24-36 hours following today's surgery. Some cats may also have bright red blood on their stools due to stress. If any symptoms persist beyond 36 hours after your cat returns home, please contact our office.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

Your cat is recovering from major surgery, so remember to limit their activity as much as possible. We recommend you keep him/her inside during the recovery period. Limit access to stairs and discourage jumping of any kind. Normal activity may be resumed in 7-10 days.

SUTURES

Male cats do not have any sutures.

Check your cat's incision site daily. Excessive swelling, redness or discharge should be reported to our office. There should not be any bleeding. If your pet's incision begins to bleed, call our office immediately. Some licking is expected; if your cat begins to lick or chew obsessively, an e-collar will need to be used to prevent injury to the incision. Your cat may have their sutures removed in 7-10 days: _____. Please schedule an appointment with our reception staff.

MONITOR

While we feel confident your pet will recover normally, there are risks associated with any episode of general anesthesia and surgery. Call our office if you note any abnormalities over the next week. These include, but are not limited to:

- *Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
- *Refusal to drink water for more than 1 day
- *Weakness or listlessness
- *Vomiting

MEDICATION
