



Post-Operative Care for your Cat after Neutering

You have just collected your cat after it has been neutered here at Rose Cottage Veterinary Centre. The Vet/Nurse should have just gone through all the details and instructions that you need to know after the procedure. We appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to remember all the information you have been given. We bet you were just so glad to see your furry friend! With that in mind, we have also provided you with these post-operative instructions that you can refer back to now that you're back home.

THIS EVENING

Your cat should be able to walk around today although they may still be a little drowsy. You may be surprised at how bright they seem, but they still need some special care over the next few days. When you get them home encourage your pet to rest and keep them warm in their favourite spot. We suggest that you offer them a small, light meal this evening, or some of our prescription food that we can supply to you if you wish. Offer water little and often as gulping down a whole bowl full may make them feel sick! Some side effects of the anaesthetic can be mild vomiting/diarrhoea but this should resolve in the next couple of days.

Male and female cats should be kept indoors this evening, so make sure to provide the adequate amount of litter trays (ideally one more than the amount of cats you have).

Your cat will have been given a painkiller following their operation today. If the vet has prescribed further medication, please read the dosage carefully and complete the full course as required. *If* you have been prescribed Metacam, this must be taken with food and the course will start tomorrow.



THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Male cats (castrates): can be let out as normal the morning after surgery.

Female cats (speys): should remain inside for 3 days if possible.

Try to avoid any excess energetic behaviour e.g. climbing towers, strenuous play, play fighting etc. It is important to check the operation site daily for any redness, swelling or oozing as well as your pet exhibiting any behaviour changes. If your cat is bothering at the wound e.g. licking or pulling the sutures,

we can supply a collar ('Cone of Shame!') to prevent this causing any damage to the wound. Please do not apply anything to the wound that hasn't been advised to you by the Vet. If you are concerned that the wound is perhaps swollen or reddened then please contact the practice



Most cats have dissolvable sutures which do not need removal. Your vet will advise you if this is not the case.

Unless advised otherwise, the Vet would like to see a photo of the wound, seven days post-op to check the healing process is going nicely. Please send one or two clear pictures of the wound to our email address: receptionrosecottagevets@gmail.com

If you have any questions about your dog's surgery or recovery, please don't hesitate to give us a call!