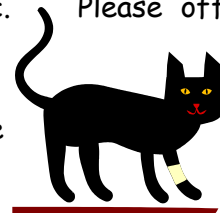


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CAT SPEY- POST OPERATIVE CARE

We hope your cat will make a smooth and speedy recovery from her spey. Tonight, she will be recovering from a full general anaesthetic. Please offer a light meal - she may not want to eat much but should be eating by 24 hours time. An easily digestible, highly nutritious diet will be of value in the days following the operation - we can supply a suitable food if necessary.



She will be drowsy after the anaesthetic, this is normal. Please keep her indoors for at least 48 hours; this will enable you to monitor her recovery well.

Some fur from the left flank has been clipped and she will have a few stitches. These are due out in 10 days time during a normal appointment slot and at no extra charge. Please discourage her from playing with the stitches, using a "buster" collar from us if this is proving difficult. If the wound is interfered with, it will take longer to heal and may become infected so please be vigilant and take a buster collar if you suspect there may be problems.

In order to administer our medications, a small amount of fur from the leg or neck may have been clipped.

Neutering will slow down your pet's metabolism to some extent. This can result in weight gain if appropriate measures aren't taken. For some cats, this may be the ideal time to switch from growth food to adult food or from adult maintenance to adult light. Please ask our nurses for advice now, and take advantage of our free weight clinics to monitor this. We recommend at least one weigh-in, six months post-operatively.

Finally, each pet is very different and some are more sensitive to pain than others. All will have been given 24 hour pain relief at the time of the operation however some animals will require more...

...Please contact us if she seems in pain or if you are worried about any other aspect of her recovery - we are very happy to help!