

Burghfield Veterinary Surgery

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CAT CASTRATION - POST OPERATIVE CARE

We hope your pet will make a smooth and speedy recovery from his castration. Tonight, he will be recovering from a full general anaesthetic. Please offer a light meal - he may not want to eat much but should be eating in 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.



As your pet will be drowsy, it is very important to keep him indoors 48 hours post operatively. This will also help you to monitor his recovery.

No stitches are required following this operation however you may notice some swelling in his scrotal area and/or slight blood-stained discharge. These are both normal. If these symptoms don't subside after 48 hours or he is excessively licking the area, please contact us.

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

Castration will slow down your pet's metabolism to some extent. This can result in weight gain. 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, three-six months post-operatively.

Finally, we will have given 24 hours pain relief at the time of the operation. Some pets are sensitive to pain and may require more...

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