

## **Post-Operative Information**

Spaying and neutering are very safe surgeries; however, just like with humans, complications can occur. Minimal redness and swelling may be present, but should resolve within several days. If it persists longer, please contact your vet. Please contact the vet immediately if you notice any of the following: pale gums, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, discharge or bleeding from the incision, difficulty urinating, biting/chewing at incision site, and/or labored breathing.

If your female cat was in heat (estrus) at the time of surgery, we recommend keeping her away from unneutered males for at least two weeks, if possible. If a male tries to mate with her, serious bleeding and trauma to the reproductive tract may occur.

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Please let us know if you have concerns about a cat just returned to you after a spay/neuter. Please be aware that although we can help you re-trap the cat if necessary, subsequent veterinary care must be arranged by the caretaker with their own veterinarian.

TCCF is a completely volunteer-run non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our average cost is \$40 per cat, which includes spaying/neutering, vaccinations, parasite control, eartip, as well as trapping, pre-surgical care, post-surgical care, and returning the cat to its colony. We receive no government funding and are primarily reliant on donations. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to TCCF, please know that every cent of money received supports our mission of reducing the number of community cats in Topeka! Thank you for caring!

**Topeka Community Cat Fix** 

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