

Take Home Surgery Instructions

Client \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Food & Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	small amount of food & water later today, resume normal diet after 24 hours
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b> food or water today, regular feeding may begin tomorrow
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Normal feeding may resume today
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special diet- see instructions below

Exercise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May Resume normal activity in <b>14</b> days
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No running, jumping or access to stairs
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Confinement to cage or small room for <b>14</b> days

Medication(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	None dispensed
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pain injection given at time of surgery (lasts 24 hours)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pain medication dispensed, follow directions on envelope
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Give pain medication upon arrival at home today, continue as directed

Sutures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DO NOT ALLOW pet to touch suture area. Check daily for swelling redness or discharge. Follow up with your veterinarian if irritation occurs
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sutures are dissolvable and do not need to be removed ( <b>females only</b> )
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No sutures required ( <b>Males only</b> )
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E-collar should remain on pet for <b>14</b> days

Follow up instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please return in _____ days for follow up on surgery
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No follow up is necessary unless a problem arises
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DO NOT let cat outside & limit free reign access to home for 14 days

Monitoring	<b>Call AHA! clinic or follow up with veterinarian if any of the following occur:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Loss of appetite for more than 2 days</li> <li>* Refuses to drink water more than 1 day</li> <li>* Change in breathing</li> <li>*weakness/ lethargy</li> <li>*Difficulty moving around</li> <li>*Discharge from eyes or nose</li> <li>*Depression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Incision opening</li> <li>* Drainage from incision</li> <li>*Chewing, licking scratching area</li> <li>*Vomiting</li> <li>*Diarrhea</li> <li>*straining to urinate/defecate</li> <li>*Swelling</li> </ul>

Feral/ Barn Cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Recover males and keep indoors for 1-3 days</li> <li>* Recover females and keep indoors for 3-5 days</li> </ul>
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Additional Instructions	If your cat has received it's 1st dose of the distemper vaccine today,	
	it should come back in 3-4 weeks to receive a booster.	
	Please call (773)-805-6872	