

Post-Operative Care

Your cat has undergone the following procedure under sedation/general anaesthetic:

Your cat should be awake, alert and eating by the time he/she comes home, but we also advise the following to assist him/her to a quick and full recovery:

- Keep your cat warm and quiet overnight.
- Keep your cat indoors for the next _____ day(s). (Don't forget to provide a litter tray if your cat doesn't usually have one.)
- Cage rest your cat for the next _____ day(s)/week(s).
- Feed a bland but tempting meal if appetite appears reduced, as often occurs post anaesthesia/surgery. Hill's a/d or i/d or fresh warm cooked chicken or white fish are often appreciated. *A complementary tin of i/d has been provided for you today.*

Your vet may have prescribed the following medications to aid appetite:

- **Painkillers:**

Your cat has been prescribed:

This should be given at the following dose once a day with food:

Starting at _____ on _____.

- **Antibiotics** to prevent or treat infection:

Your cat has been given a long acting injection, which provides treatment for _____ days

or

Your cat has been prescribed:

which should be given according to the instructions on the label(s).

- **Additional medications** to help with:

Please give these carefully following the instructions on the label(s)

Wound and Dressing Care:

- Check the operation site two to three times daily to check that your cat has not interfered with it or removed any stitches, staples or dressings. If you notice any smell, redness, discharge or swelling, contact us to arrange a check up appointment.
- A Buster collar or post-op coat must be used if your cat tries to interfere with any wounds, dressings, drains or stitches (see Buster Collar section).
- Dressings must be kept dry (see Dressings section).
- Wounds may be closed using a variety of techniques, some of which look completely invisible! However, if your cat has skin stitches or staples these will need removing in _____ days.

Dressings

- Success of your cat's treatment depends on good care of a dressing. Further charges will be made for dressing changes.
- Dressings must be kept dry. **Temporarily** a plastic bag can be used for this purpose when outside. **Never** leave on.
- If you notice any swelling or soreness around the dressing, please contact the surgery.
- If you notice any signs of sudden discomfort, please contact the surgery.
- If you notice any discharge or sudden smell from the dressing, please contact the surgery.
- If the dressing slips, please make an appointment as soon as possible as it may need replacing. Due to having fur, this is a common complication of dressing applications in cats.

Buster Collars

Success of your cat's treatment relies on your cat not interfering with any wounds, dressings, drains or stitches; complications can arise if you fail to stop interference.

- Some cats may "sulk" or panic when a collar is first applied, but will adjust in a short while, especially if distracted with tasty titbits.
- Cats will be unable to gauge the extra width of their head and so will bump into furniture and door openings.
- Raise your cat's water and feeding bowls if necessary. Only in a **minority** of cases is it necessary to remove the collar to allow your cat to eat. If this is the case, **do not** leave your cat unattended until it is replaced.
- Groom your cat daily, including wiping the face and eyes, whilst it is wearing a Buster Collar.
- Clean the collar regularly.
- Keep cats indoors whilst wearing a Buster Collar.

The size of collar recommended for your cat is:

(Obtainable from Reception)

Other Information

Always contact the surgery if your cat does not seem well - it is better to check than ignore possible problems.

Your next appointment is:

With: -----

On: -----

At: -----

If you have any queries, including emergency queries outside normal working hours, please contact us on **01722 333291**.

For further information on cat health and care, please see **www.fabcats.org**.



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Quick Reference Guide

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