



Surgery After-Care Instructions (Please Read Carefully)

Home Care and Monitoring Overview:

Your pet had surgery performed at All The Fixins for sterilization today.

Medications:

Please continue all other medications and preventatives as previously prescribed. Never use Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, their generic equivalents, or any other human pain killer in dogs and cats as they are very toxic and potentially fatal.

General Anesthesia:

Your pet has recently undergone general anesthesia. General anesthesia slows gastrointestinal motility, as do most pain medications. Therefore, it is common for several days to elapse before a bowel movement. As long as your pet is eating, they should eventually defecate.

Some patients experience a mild cough following anesthesia due to irritation from the endotracheal (breathing) tube. This is usually a dry, non-productive cough that resolves over 3-4 days. If the cough does not resolve within 3-4 days, or if they ever have difficulty breathing, please bring them to your primary veterinarian or veterinarian emergency group.

Incision Care:

Monitor the incision daily for any excessive redness, separation, swelling, or discharge. Contact your primary veterinarian should any of these symptoms occur. You do not need to cover or clean the incision; it should simply be kept clean and dry. Your pet should not be bathed for 2 weeks after surgery. No external sutures were placed.

E-Collar:

An E-collar is used to prevent your pet from licking or chewing at the incision. Allowing your pet to lick or scratch at the incision could result in infection or dehiscence (opening) of the incision and potentially necessitate a second surgical procedure. Your pet should wear the E-collar (cone) at all times when they are not under your direct supervision. You may take the E-collar off if your pet is eating, on a walk, or being directly supervised by you.

**Activity:**

Your pet should not be allowed to do any running, jumping, stairs, or rough play under any circumstances for the next 2 weeks. When your pet cannot be watched, they should be confined to a crate or small room with good footing. Your pet can go outside for short (10-15 min) leash walks several times a day to go to the bathroom. Failure to confine them may result in dehiscence of the incision and could necessitate another surgical procedure.

At Home Care & Monitoring:

Please contact your primary care veterinarian or veterinarian emergency group if you see any of the following:

1. Labored breathing, excessive panting, or persistent cough
2. Vomiting that is persistent, bloody, or nonproductive
3. Pain, inability to get comfortable, or crying
4. Gums that are not their normal pink color, especially if white, grey, or blue
5. Diarrhea that is persistent, bloody, or painful
6. Excessive sleepiness or lethargy
7. Straining to urinate or defecate, especially if nonproductive
8. Seizures, loss of consciousness, or episodes of bizarre behavior
9. Not eating or drinking for more than 24 hours

If any other concerning signs arise, please follow up with your primary care veterinarian or veterinary emergency group.

Thank you for entrusting us with your pet's care. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out via email at info@projectcatsnip.com