



Post Operative Care for your Cat after Neutering

Neutering is the act of removing the animals reproductive organs.

Most cats anaesthetised for routine neutering procedures go home the same day.

Your pet should be able to walk although may be a little drowsy. When you get home keep them warm, ideally in a small area of your house where they usually feel most relaxed.

Offer a light meal, something like plain chicken or white fish is ideal (tinned tuna in spring water is fine too). Ensure that water is offered and a litter tray is available.

We offer a check up after 3 days for anyone who is worried about their cat.

Male cats (castrates) should be kept indoors for 2 – 3 days. It is important to check the site of the operation every day for any redness or swelling.

There are no sutures to be removed following a routine castration.

Female cats (spays) should be kept in for 5 - 7 days if possible. It is important to check the site of the operation daily for any redness, swelling or discharge. If your cat is worrying the wound e.g. licking or pulling at the sutures, we can supply a collar to prevent this.

They have dissolvable sutures or reversed sutures which do not need removal.

Your cat received pain relief by injection during the operation. The vet will prescribe a course of pain relief in a liquid form. The medication will start 24 hours after your cat's procedure. The dose and instructions will be written on a label attached to the medication. It is important that the medication is given with or after food and not on an empty stomach. Please give your cat the medication for 3-4 days, once the medication has been stopped you should not notice any difference in your cats' comfort level, appetite or behaviour – if you have any concerns please contact us for advice.

Animals that have been neutered are prone to weight gain. This generally happens over the 2-3 months after neutering as the reproductive hormone levels reduce. To help to minimise any unwanted weight gain it is recommended to reduce your cats' food slightly or to change to a 'light' diet or neutered cat diet (these are designed for pets prone to weight gain.) Please monitor your cats' weight carefully; we invite you to bring them in for free weight checks, our nurses are always happy to give advice if you have any concerns.

If you have any questions about your cat's treatment, please feel free to ask any member of staff.

If we ask you to send a photo, please email it to leekvets2@hotmail.co.uk