



POST OPERATIVE CARE for CAT CASTRATIONS

Patient Date

Your cat has received a general anaesthetic and may be quiet and subdued for 24–48 hours.

- **Wound care** - Please ensure that your cat does not lick or chew his wound as this could cause pain or delay healing. If licking persists, please use the Elizabethan collar provided. If unused, the collar can be returned and refunded.
- **Feeding** - Your cat may be fed a light meal this evening. A suitable diet is provided by the surgery or you can prepare a homemade meal of chicken or white fish. Occasionally, after an anaesthetic, cats may lose their appetite and/or be sick. If this continues for more than 24 hours or you are concerned, please contact the surgery.
- **Exercise** - Please keep your cat indoors, with a litter tray for 48 hours. This is to ensure that he is fully recovered from the anaesthetic before going out alone.
- **Clipping** - A small area of fur will have been clipped from one or both forelegs where the anaesthetic was injected. The operation site will also have been clipped.
- **Pain Relief** - Your cat has received a painkilling injection that lasts for at least 48 hours. Most cats do not require any further painkillers. If you are concerned that your cat appears uncomfortable, please contact the surgery.
- **What to watch for** - Check the wound daily for signs of swelling, discharge or redness. If concerned, please contact the surgery.
- **Check up** - A follow up appointment is not generally necessary because stitches are not required and recovery is usually rapid. However, if you have any concerns, please contact the surgery.
- **IN AN EMERGENCY** - Once home, if worried, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact your branch surgery during opening times. We have nurses on duty 24 hours a day at the main hospital premises – Tel: **01903 234866**

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS