



Feline Take Home Instructions

The following information pertains to your pet's anesthetic, surgical and/or other procedure.

Surgery/Anesthesia:

Your cat has been through major surgery. He/She will need special attention for a full, uneventful recovery, just as a human would. Please read and review the following instructions. If you have any questions at any time, please call 920-261-1270.

Activity:

No bathing for a minimum of 14 days after surgery. If patient is discharged on the same day as surgery, prevent access to steps, climbing and jumping as best you can.

If discharged on the same day as surgery and is an outdoor cat, the cat should be kept to be indoors overnight where it is warm and dry.

If given an e-collar (cone): please put e-collar on as soon as the cat comes out of the carrier and keep on for 10 to 14 days

Diet: Day of surgery offer small amounts of food and water; however, if your cat becomes sick to his stomach, discontinue food until the next morning. As long as he/she is able to keep food in and doesn't exhibit signs of illness, you can resume normal diet the following day of surgery.

Medications:

Begin all medications on the day of discharge **unless otherwise directed**. Directions for medications are printed on each bottle. Please observe recommendations for giving with food if stated.

Incision Care:

Please check the incisions daily. Some redness and swelling is a normal consequence of surgery and healing. If the incision becomes painful, opens or discharges pus or blood, please contact your regular veterinarian for follow up care. A small amount of clear fluid may ooze from the incision and is considered normal. DO NOT allow your cat to lick, chew, rub or pull at the incisions. If he does, you must stop the behavior right away and begin using the e-collar. If you do not have a collar at home, please pick one up from the shelter or your local pet store at the earliest ability. DO NOT apply any ointment or essential oils or try to clean the incision unless directed by a veterinarian.

Animal Number: _____ Animal Name: _____

Owners Last Name: _____

WHS is not a full service veterinarian clinic. We are only staffed and equipped to offer spay/neuter services and any follow up care needed by your pet must be done at your regular veterinarian or an emergency veterinarian if needed.

Please agree to and initial the following:

I understand and agree to follow the instructions above to the best of my ability. _____

I understand the importance of keeping my pet's incision site dry and clean for the 14 days following surgery. _____

I understand that if my cat is attempting to chew, lick, or bite the incision I will do whatever necessary to prevent that behavior. _____

I understand that there are risks involved in any surgery and I will not hold Watertown Humane Society responsible for any unforeseen complications. _____

I understand that if any complications from the surgery arise I am to contact my local veterinarian for care for my pet. _____

I understand that if my regular veterinarian is not able to see my pet I will need to take my pet to the soonest available emergency veterinarian clinic. _____