

Feline After-Surgery Care Instructions

PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU PICK UP YOUR PET.

It is important to understand your best friend has undergone advanced surgery involving general anesthesia. They will not be entirely 'normal' until morning. Here are guidelines to help them through their recovery:

- 1) When you first arrive home, **find a quiet, confined space your cat cannot escape**. This is their home for the night. Ideas are the laundry room, extra bedroom or bathroom. They may be disorientated and frightened tonight.
- 2) Offer them a small amount of food and normal amount of water. Some kitties **may not be interested and that is normal**. Do not force them to cuddle or eat. They will need some time to recover.
- 3) If your friend is **not eating, drinking and fairly alert by morning**, this is **abnormal**. We strive to provide the best care at the lowest cost, but we are unable to provide emergency care. Please call Operation S.O.S. or the Emergency facilities listed below.
- 4) **Redness, swelling, and licking at the surgical site is abnormal**. Check the incision daily to monitor. The local emergency clinic or Operation S.O.S. can efficiently and affordably assist you. If you do not call, we do not know you are in need of assistance.
- 5) Just because your kitty appears normal, **do not encourage play**. We are cat-lovers and understand keeping a good kitty down is difficult. As the surgical incision heals over the next 10 days, simply do not encourage play.
- 6) Your pet has been given an injectable pain control medication called **Meloxicam**. This is similar to aspirin and lasts 24 hours. **DO NOT** give additional medications as this can be harmful! Contact Operation S.O.S. if you believe your pet is painful.
- 7) A **Microchip**, the size of a grain of rice, has been inserted just under the skin between the shoulder blades. Be sure to keep your personal information current with the microchip company.

Operation S.O.S.: (772)222-7717 Open Variable days of the week and Locations.

Dr. Dan's Animal Hospital: (772)567-8468. 1624 14th Ave., Vero Beach, FL.

Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-Noon

Animal Medical Hospital: (772)692-0611. 825 NW Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL.

Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-Noon.

Pet Emergency & Critical Care Clinic: (772)781-3302. 2239 S Kanner Hwy, Stuart, FL.

Open 5pm-8am Mon-Thurs, Fri 5pm-Mon 8am.

Animal Emergency & Referral Center: (772) 466-3441. 3984 S US1 Hwy, Fort Pierce, FL.

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Animal Medical Center: (772) 878-2222. 8267 S US Hwy 1, PSL, FL

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