



Neutering – post-operative advice

Who is this handout for? This handout is for kittens and cats that are adopted less than seven days after their neuter surgery has been carried out.

Your kitten/cat has undergone general anaesthesia to be neutered

on.....at.....Veterinary Practice.

Please keep your kitten/cat as calm as possible after bringing them home to help minimise the chance of post-operative complications. The wound will take around seven to ten days to fully heal. Try to restrict running and jumping where possible until the wound has healed. It is advisable to keep your cat indoors for the first three weeks to allow them time to settle into their new home.

Monitor the wound carefully at least twice a day until healed. Do not allow your kitten/cat to lick the wound. Consult your vet as soon as possible if you notice any redness, swelling or discharge around the area, or if your kitten/cat seems unwell.

Female kittens/cats

Females are spayed (womb and ovaries removed). They will have a shaved patch of fur on their left side or in the middle of their belly. They may also have a shaved patch on one or both of their front legs or neck, which allows access to their veins for blood testing and for the administration of anaesthetic drugs during their surgery.

Please tick as appropriate:

Your cat has dissolvable buried stitches which do not need to be removed

Your cat has non-dissolvable stitches which will need to be removed at the vets in days

Male kittens/cats

Males are castrated (testicles removed). They do not have stitches but they will have a small cut in the skin over the testicles which will heal by itself within the next seven days. They may also have a shaved patch on one or both of their front legs or neck, which allows access to their veins for blood testing and for the administration of anaesthetic drugs during their surgery.

Pain relief

Your kitten/cat may have been prescribed pain relief by the vet to be given for a few days following the surgery.

Please follow the instructions on the medication label carefully and, if in doubt, do not hesitate to contact your vet for advice.