

Post Operative Care for Cats

General Information:

- Your cat's abdomen or scrotal area may have been shaved to insure an aseptic field. In some cases, a small patch on one foreleg is shaved where intravenous anesthesia is given.
- Your cat has been given subcutaneous fluids post surgery, as well as pain medication to keep him/her comfortable post-operatively. If your pet was sent home with pain medication, please start as directed.
- Your cat has subcutaneous sutures that will dissolve on their own unless otherwise indicated. **There is no need to come back for suture removal.**

Restrictions:

- Keep your cat in its carrier until all the effects from the anesthesia have worn off, approximately **6:00pm or later**.
- You **CAN** offer your cat a light evening meal after being released from his/her carrier. *Do not be concerned if he/she refuses this meal.*
- Cats should be kept indoors for **10 days** after the surgery date. Exercise and rough play should also be avoided during this time.
- Please keep your children and other animals separate for **24 hours**.

Please contact us at **421-1399 x204** as soon as possible if any of the following occur:

Please note, PARL's veterinarians and technicians are **NOT here on the weekends. **If you believe your pet to be suffering a medical emergency, please contact your own veterinarian.***

- Discharge from incision, poor appetite or activity level
- Chewing or excessive licking
- A hard swelling may appear under the incision several days after surgery. **This is a normal tissue reaction** during the healing process and is no cause for alarm **unless** the swelling is accompanied by heat, pain, redness or drainage.