



## Cat Neuter Discharge Instructions

We appreciate your commitment to your cat's health. The surgery your cat received today will prevent illnesses, such as testicular cancer, and behavioural problems such as urine marking. Neutering also saves lives by reducing the number of unwanted cats being euthanized every year due to overpopulation. Here is some information to consider during your cat's recovery:

- **Most cats do quite well after surgery.** If your cat does not, please let us know what is going on. Some cats are groggy after surgery and do not eat the first night they go home. For the first night home, only offer small amounts of food and water (about half of what you normally offer). **He should feel good, he should eat well, and his incisions should not be red, swollen, or oozing.** If you notice any vomiting, lethargy, poor appetite, or leaking or oozing from the incision, please call us right away.
- **There is no need to restrict your cat's exercise.** However, it is a good idea to keep him confined indoors for a few days so you can be sure to monitor his incision.
- **At least once a day look at his incision.** Make sure he is not chewing or licking it. If you catch your cat licking his incision, (even one time!) purchase a "lampshade" collar (also known as an Elizabethan Collar) from us. The incision should be dry and clean. You do not need to put anything on the incision. We do not recommend cleaning the incision, because that can slow down healing. If necessary, you may clean the incision with warm water and a soft cloth. No bathing for two (2) weeks.
- There are no stitches. **If you have any concerns we will gladly check him out!** There is no charge for this visit, but we do ask that you call ahead and schedule an appointment. **250-371-3236.**