

TRURO VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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**Home Care Instructions
For Cat Neuter Surgery**

- Incision** 1. Your cat has two small incisions (about 1 cm long) on his scrotum. He should not lick at his back end excessively and you should not notice anything unusual when you look at his back end. If you can see blood or flesh on his back end please contact us immediately. He may need to wear a **special collar** or bad tasting spray to keep her from bothering with it.

- Exercise** 1. Please keep him indoors for at least the next 2-3 days.
2. When you reach home, place the carrier (or your cat) on the floor and allow him to come out on his own. He may still be wobbly from the anesthetic so it is best if he is not placed on a chair or bed as he may take a tumble. If his litter pan or food dishes are on a different level, lower them for this evening so that he does not need to jump or climb stairs to reach them. This will help to prevent a tumble as well.
4. Keep him from rough housing with other pets or family members, tearing up and down stairs and jumping.

- Food & Water** Offer him his regular food and water this evening, but offer it in small amounts at a time (1/4 of his regular meal or less). If he does not eat, do not panic – his belly may still be upset from the anesthetic. If he does eat, wait about 15 minutes before offering the next small portion. He should be back to normal by morning. Hold off on the treats and specialties for a couple of days to let his stomach get used to food again.

- Bodily Functions** Your cat should not have any problems with urinating or defecating (peeing and pooping). His BM may be a little soft today and tomorrow, but if it persists he should be seen. Any vomiting other than hairballs would indicate that he should be seen.

- Bathing** 1. No baths for at least a week.

- Pain Management** Meloxicam is sent home with all surgeries to manage post-op pain. It is a beef flavoured oral medication. Meloxicam is to be given once daily. The nurse discharging your cat will tell you when the next treatment is needed and how much he will need. You should only need this for 1-4 days. If your cat seems painful, vomits or refuses food, please call us.

- Raspy- breathing** Your pet may experience some irritation of the airway (trachea) following anesthesia. This can lead to raspy sounding breathing. It should resolve within a few days. If there is any coughing or discharge then you should contact the clinic immediately. As well if there is any decreased appetite, vomiting or diarrhea let us know.

If you notice any of the following, be sure to call us at 893-2341:

1. red, irritated skin near the incision
2. any lumps near the incision line
3. any vomiting
4. diarrhea which persists past the first day home
5. not eating or drinking
6. extreme tiredness
7. if you have any questions or concerns