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POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Your cat has had general anesthesia and surgery today. Please read and adhere to the following instructions to help speed the healing and recovery process.

FEEDING: *You may feed a 1/2 portion of food after 6pm this evening

*Please give small amounts of water (1/2 cup for small) at a time for the first 12 hours post-operatively

*Food and water may be refused by your cat in the first 24hrs, this may be normal and is no cause for alarm unless eating and drinking does not resume after 24hrs.

*Some cats may eat with great appetite or drink too much water and may then vomit in the first 12 hours post-operatively

*Some may also have soft stools up to 24hrs post-operatively. Stools should return to normal in 24-48hrs

PLEASE CONTACT US IF:

*Appetite does not return within 24hrs

*There is liquid and/or bloody stools

*Repeated episodes of vomiting

MONITORING THE SURGICAL INCISION:

*Check the incision twice daily. Some swelling and/or redness is normal in the first 24-48hrs

*A small amount of bleeding may also be normal in the first 24-48hrs post-operatively

*You may clean around the wound with a damp cloth if there is a little blood, but do not apply creams, or bandage the incision unless instructed to do so

PLEASE CONTACT US IF:

*There is excessive bleeding, or signs of infection (these include increased swelling, pain, redness, yellow/green discharge)

NOTE: If the surgical wound opens up less than 5 days after surgery, please cover the wound and call us. It is RARELY an emergency but the wound will probably need to be re-closed and antibiotics may be necessary. If the wound opens up more than 5 days after surgery, we may not wish to re-close the incision, but antibiotics may still be necessary, call us as soon as possible.

EXERCISE:

*Limit exercise for 10 days post-operatively. Cats that go outdoors should be kept inside for 2 week following any surgical procedure

*You may opt to keep your cat in one room of the house with food, water and their litter box for the first 24-48hrs post-operatively, especially in the case of multi-cat households, or cats that play with canine companions

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION:

*Cats may hide for the first 24hours after returning home. If this behavior persists beyond 24hrs it may be a sign of pain, and/or of surgical complications-Please contact us

Your companion has received an injection for pain control which will last up to 72 hrs.

*Remove bandage tomorrow

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS