

Midvalley Animal Clinic

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HOME CARE INSTRUCTION FOR CAT SPAYS AND NEUTERS

ALERTNESS: Your cat has been given an anesthetic today and will be drowsy and uncoordinated for up to 24 hours. For this reason it is important to keep him/her away from stairs and decks and to keep him/her indoors in a quiet room the 1st night.

ACTIVITY: If possible keep your cat indoors for 10 days following their surgery to allow the incision to heal.

INCISION: The incision should be checked daily for redness, swelling, discharge and pain. Cat spay incisions tend to have a firm but non-painful swelling about the size of a pecan half. This usually appears a few days after the surgery and gradually goes away in four to six weeks. Call our office if you are concerned about the incision for any reason. The sutures will dissolve so your cat does not need to come back for suture removal. **If the skin incision comes open after hours it is not necessary to visit the Pet Emergency Room.** Keep the open incision clean, an ace bandage or gauze works well for a bandage, and bring your pet in to our clinic as soon as we are open.

FOOD and WATER: It is all right to make food and water available to your cat once he/she has his/her coordination back. Some cats eat the 1st night but others may not eat for two days. Call if there has been no appetite for more than 48 hours.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency services are available after hours at The Pet ER : 7200 S. 304 W. 801-871-0600. The client is responsible for all fees charged by the emergency clinic.

