



## Post – Surgical Feline Neuter Instructions

Thank you for neutering your cat! Doing so relieves him of a multitude of potential diseases, greatly reduces behavioral problems, prevents sexual drive and mating behavior, and helps reduce the incidence of dangerous encounters with other pets, neighbors, and automobiles. Spaying and neutering is the most responsible step to assist with pet overpopulation. Again, thank you!

In order to ensure proper healing and decrease the incidence of complication, please follow these instructions:

- The incision sites are intentionally left open, so your cat does not have any sutures. The incisions will heal very rapidly, but during the healing process you may notice a moderate amount of licking as your cat grooms the area. A small amount of swelling will also be present following surgery. Self-grooming is acceptable so long as it is not excessive and does not cause irritation. No follow-up visits are required unless complications arise.
- Replace normal kitty litter with shredded or compressed paper for 7-10 days. Most pet supply stores sell compressed paper, including recycled compressed newspaper. Clean the paper kitty litter after each use or your cat may refuse to use it. Some cats are reluctant to use paper litter at first, but most readily adapt. Gravel or clay kitty litter material represents high risk for infection if caught in the wounds.
- Male reproductive hormones take time to clear from the body following the neuter surgery. He should be restricted from females for at least 2 weeks, especially those in heat.
- Observe the neuter site at least once daily. If there is any swelling, discharge, heat, or redness at the incision sites, please notify our office. Bleeding is abnormal and should be reported if detected. Hydrogen peroxide may be used for gentle cleansing of the site if it becomes contaminated.