



Care of your cat after Castration

Your cat has been castrated, which involved surgery in a very sensitive area and therefore needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately, cats do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with your cat's recovery.

Immediately after

When you pick your cat up from our hospital he may be a little drowsy; this is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12-24 hours. There will be some bruising, the same as humans, so he should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep your cat in a quiet, warm place and give only small amounts to eat and drink.

Take care

Most cats have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that your cat may start jumping around and generally trying to do everything that he can to upset the surgery and/or sutures. Please try to keep your cat as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed. Most cat castrate operations do not need sutures, but the surgery site should still be checked on a daily basis. In some circumstances a protective collar may need to be worn, if your pet is excessively licking at the surgical area, these are available on request.

Problems

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem:

- 1) Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
- 2) Excessive redness or irritated around the suture line
- 3) Swelling or lumpiness around suture

If you notice any of these signs please don't hesitate to phone the practice for advice.

Re-examine in with vet / nurse

No need to re-examine unless concerned

If required, please make an appointment at reception for a re-examination before you leave or phone to make an appointment on 01572 722646.