



JONESVILLE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## **Post Surgical Instructions For Your Cat's Neuter**

Your cat received a short acting intravenous anesthetic for his neuter today. For this reason, you should expect him to be less active than normal for the next 12-24 hours. Cats that are accustomed to going outside must stay inside on the night of the surgery.

Although your pet may not be interested in eating, you may offer your pet food and water 1-2 hours after bringing him home. Since anesthesia can sometimes cause nausea, be sure to offer your pet  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their normal meal tonight. Do not be concerned if your pet will not eat or drink tonight, as this is common post surgical behavior. However, if your pet has not eaten or had anything to drink in 24 hours, please call.

Your pet has two incisions in his scrotum, but there are no stitches present, so there is no need to return to have sutures removed. It is rare to develop any post operative swelling or infection from the neutering procedure in a cat. However, we do suggest that you check the surgery site daily for the first 2-3 days to be sure there are no signs of infection, such as swelling, discharge, or odor.

Exercise restriction is not necessary after a cat neuter. Your outdoor cat can return to his outdoor activities the day after surgery as long as he is eating and acting normal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.