Care of Your Cat Following Cat Neuter at The Cat Neuter Clinic.

To minimize post-surgical complications, you will need to provide the proper conditions of we are to expect satisfactory healing of you cat.

As you agreed to in the consent form you signed, you understand there are more risks associated with this procedure at the cat neuter clinic than if our regular cat neuter surgery is performed. The differences include the following: Our normal cat neuter surgery includes a physical examination by our veterinarian, screening bloodwork to detect any problems before anesthesia, and extensive monitoring and care by a licensed veterinary technician during and after surgery until your pet is completely awake.

With the lack of any of the above, greater risks of bleeding, infection, anesthetic complications with the heart and lungs, including death may occur.

Please read the following instructions for your cat’s recovery. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these instructions, please bring them up with the doctor or technician at the time your cat is discharged from the hospital.

**Today and Tonight**:

* Please protect your cat when leaving the hospital by using a carrier.
* Until tomorrow, keep your cat quiet and confined in a warm environment, off high places where he could fall.
* After surgery, your cat may be inclined to drink and eat excessively, which will likely result in vomiting. To avoid this, do not offer any food or water until 5:00pm. You may resume normal feeding tomorrow.

**Exercise and Activity:**

* No running, jumping, or access to stairs for the first 24 hours.
* Outdoor exercise should be limited to a short leash.
* No bathing, grooming, or swimming for 10 days,
* It is ok to resume normal activity after 5 days.

**Incision/Wound:**

* Check the incision twice daily and notify us if you notice any swelling, redness, or drainage.
* Prevent licking, chewing, and/or scratching at the incision.

**Diet**

* Feed one-half portion of your pet’s normal diet tonight.
* Limit water intake to smaller amounts at a time
* Return to pet’s normal diet within 24 hours.

**Monitor:**

A decrease in activity for one or two days may be observed and your cat may not have a bowel movement for 24-36 hours after surgery. This is normal. However, if your cat exhibits any of the following symptoms, please notify the hospital at 608-326-7101: (**1**) loss of appetite for over 2 days, (**2**) refusal to drink water over one day, (**3**) weakness, (**4**) depression (**5**) vomiting, or (**6**) diarrhea. If your cat needs to be seen for any complications post operatively, the services provided will be at normal price.