

## Post Operative Instructions; Routine neutering, dog and cat

- **Operation**; Your pet has been neutered today (spayed if female, castrated if male). Females will be sterile immediately after the operation, but remember a male dog or cat can be fertile for up to 6 weeks!
- **Pain Relief**; Pain relief is given with all operations. Injectable analgesia (Metacam and Vetergesic) is given at the time of surgery and provides adequate pain relief for the majority of patients for the first 24 hrs. We dispense Pardale V post operatively for bitch spays (NOT CATS). These tablets can start on the evening of the surgery – please follow the guidelines on the packaging. Please call us if you feel your pet is still painful or uncomfortable.
- **Eating**; Just feed a small amount for the first meal after your pet gets home. A light meal is advised as they may feel nauseous initially. Several small meals can be given if your pet is hungry and normal meals can be resumed 24 hrs after surgery.
- **Recovery**; We recommend that you keep cats indoors and restrict dogs to short lead walks for toileting over the first 24hrs. Restrict dogs to short lead walks for 10 days and try to avoid jumping or boisterous play during this period to allow the surgical wound to heal. Cats are best kept indoors for a few days if possible.
- **Anaesthetic**; We use the most up-to-date, and safest, anaesthetic protocols so your pet should have a good recovery but may still have some disorientation and nausea for the first 24 hrs.
- **Transcol** ; You have been provided with an Elizabethan Collar. This is very important to prevent licking of the wound. Even though the sutures are not visible the wound can still be pulled open or get infected so please use the collar if at all concerned. If cats need to go outside please remove the collar as there is a risk of it getting caught in hedges etc.
- **Intradermal Sutures**; Male cats have 2 very small wounds with no sutures Female cats have a small wound on their left flank, female dogs a wound on their abdomen and male dogs along their groin. All wounds will have intradermal sutures which dissolve (unless specifically told about skin sutures that need to be removed). You shouldn't have to clean the wounds but if there is a discharge or it looks red / inflamed please contact the surgery.
- **Owner questions**; Please contact the surgery if you have any concerns. Our nurses and vets will always be happy to give you advice or see your pet if needed. If you have concerns after hours please call Vets Now for specialist emergency advice.
- **Numbers**; **Cedarmount Veterinary Clinic; 028 91271364,**  
Out of hours emergencies, Vets Now, Belmont Road, Belfast; 028 9065 1729

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