



Feline Neuter

A neuter is the surgical sterilization of a feline by making a small incision in the skin (scrotum) covering the testicles. The spermatic cord is then incised and the testicles are removed. Your cat has been put under anesthetic in order to have this surgery performed and therefore, it is important for you to understand the following information to ensure a safe and healthy recovery.

The Night of the Surgery: Your cat may be sleepy and a little disoriented. Keep him inside where he can rest quietly and can't wander into danger. Allow him to rest undisturbed.

Eating and Drinking: Your cat may not feel like eating the night of surgery, this is normal. He will resume his normal eating/drinking schedule within 48 hours. If, however, he does seem interested in food and water, you may start with a small amount of water and ¼ the amount of food usually fed to him. Excessive eating and drinking just after surgery may upset his digestive system and cause him to vomit or have diarrhea.

Litter Box: Because the scrotal incision is left open, replace the litter in his box with shredded paper for 3 days. This will allow the incision site to heal on its own, without the chance of litter being lodged into the incision site.

Sutures: Feline neuters do not require sutures due to the small incision, however, it is important to look at the incision site daily for redness or swelling. If you notice your cat licking excessively at the incision site, please call us so we can offer suggestions to prevent him from irritating the site.