



Ark Animal Hospital
DECLAW Surgical Discharge Instructions

Surgical Procedure: Declaw & neuter

Home Care Instructions:

- Please monitor surgical site for any signs of swelling, bleeding, discharge, or separation of the wound edges. If any of these are noted call Ark Animal Hospital immediately for a recheck exam. Some minor bruising will be noted around the surgical incision site, this is normal.
- Keep the incision site clean and dry for 10 days. If your pet lives outdoors, please make every possible effort to keep them indoors until healed.
- Yesterday's News or shredded newspaper should be used as litter for the next 10-14 days.
- If your pet is excessively chewing at feet, an Elizabethan collar is recommended.

Exercise Restrictions:

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Your pet has undergone a surgical procedure. Even with pain relieving medications there may still be some post-operative discomfort. Please use caution when handling your pet. Children should not be allowed contact with your pet until your pet's behavior has returned to normal.
- No running, jumping, or climbing for 10 days.
- Please do not bathe pet for 7-10 days.

Feeding:

- Please feed your pet their regular diet to avoid any gastrointestinal upset.

Medications

If any vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, or poor appetite occurs please discontinue medications and contact Ark Animal Hospital immediately at 863-937-9021. Please avoid using any medications that are not on these discharge orders. Please consult with Ark Animal Hospital prior to using any other medications to avoid any possibility of developing a drug reaction.

Thank you,

Susan Rodgers, DVM