



**Radcliffe Complete Small Animal
Care & Laser Center
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Patient: _____

Client: _____

Date: _____

Post-Operative Feline Declaw Homecare Instructions

Pain Control Medication:

In our observations, pets who receive post-operative pain relief seem to feel much better the next day. They tend to get back to their routines/behaviors faster and heal with fewer complications due to licking. Please give the pain medication as prescribed on the bottle.

Post-Operative Instructions:

Offer your pet normal amounts of food and water when you get home. Please keep in mind that the appetite may not be completely normal for a day or two. If vomiting occurs, decrease the amount offered.

DO NOT give Aspirin or Tylenol. These can be toxic to your pet. Only give pain medication given to you by the veterinarian or prescribed by the veterinarian.

Restrict all jumping and rough play as much as possible for the next 2 weeks.

All cats should be confined indoors for the next 10 days so that their recovery may be more accurately and consistently monitored and the surgical site will stay cleaner.

No bathing for the next 10 days. Please keep the paws clean and dry. DO NOT wash the feet or apply anything topically to them without first consulting the veterinarian.

There are no sutures to be removed.

Use shredded newspaper or a pelleted form of litter in the litter box for the next 10 days. Granular forms of litter can contaminate the surgical site and cause secondary infections/problems.

It can take up to two to six weeks before your cat may walk complete normal. The younger the cat, the faster they tend to heal.

Please call the care center at 515-899-2165 right away if any of the following occur:

- Vomiting after 24 hours or refusal to eat after 48 hours
- Diarrhea at any time
- Signs of severe pain (some discomfort is normal)
- Consistent refusal to bear weight on one paw
- Excessive licking or chewing at the toes
- Failure to walk normally by 14 days post-surgery
- Persistent swelling, bleeding, discharge or foul odor from the surgery site(s)(toe(s))
- Pet acts odd or seems "not right" in any other way

Note: We make every effort to avoid complications, but unexpected problems can always occur. Complication may include but not limited to infection or chewing out surgical glue. **The owner is responsible for any and all charges resulting from any complications of the surgical procedure beyond our control.**