



PURPLE CAT

Mobile Veterinary Clinic

After surgery instructions

1. Do not leave the Purple Cat clinic without confirming you have your cat and the surgery record with rabies certificate.
2. Before leaving, check your surgery record and rabies certificate. Make sure the vaccines you paid for were checked off as having been given.
3. Keep your surgery record and rabies certificate in a safe spot. Taking a photo with your phone will help you when a landlord or veterinarian asks for proof of rabies or sterilization. Purple Cat charges \$10 per surgery form and rabies certificate records that are requested after the clinic date.
4. Monitor the incision. It is not uncommon for a suture reaction to occur on spay incisions. This will look like a firm or soft lump at the surgery incision. It may be the size of a grape or as large as a walnut (3/4 inch to 1.5-inch diameter). It will **not** be painful. It will **not** be red. It will **not** be moist.
5. If the incision is red, painful, draining or if you are not sure if there is a concern, please text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 and send a picture.

Feral/outdoor cats:

- DO NOT release your cat until tomorrow morning.
- Keep cat in crate/live trap until release into the outdoors.
- Cover the crate with a sheet or light blanket to reduce stress for the cat.
- Keep cat warm (70 degrees F) and monitor hourly. An inside bathroom works well. Cats are unable to fully regulate body temperature until anesthesia is fully out of their system.
- Okay to offer small amount of canned food mixed with water today after 8pm. Place food in shallow dish. Open cage door only as far as is needed to get food inside. Place food inside without placing your hand inside cage. Use extreme caution so as not to get bitten. If in doubt, do not feed cat tonight but instead offer food at an outdoor location tomorrow when it is let free.
- Monitor for bleeding, excessive licking, infection, illness, decreased appetite and activity. If any of these or other concerns arise, call or text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 and leave a message.

Releasing the cat: The following morning after surgery, the cat can be released back into the area where they were trapped. Prior to release, be sure there are no signs of illness. If there is extreme weather or the cat had been pregnant, keeping an extra 24-48 hours may be advisable.

Indoor cats:

- Okay to offer water tonight after 6pm. If no vomiting after 2 hours, okay to offer small meal at 8pm.
- Do not allow rough play for one week.
- Keep indoors exclusively for 2 weeks.
- Monitor for incisional swelling, redness, pain, discharge, licking.
- Monitor for decreased appetite and activity.
- Call or text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 if any concerns arise.

Kittens less than 6 months:

- Feed small meal (1-2 tablespoons) of canned food and water immediately when you get home. Can repeat 3 hours later if no vomiting. The next day return to normal feeding.

In case of medical concerns following this surgery, please contact Purple Cat Mobile Veterinary Clinic. If they are not available, please contact your nearest 24 hour emergency clinic or regular veterinarian.

Please note: Purple Cat Mobile Clinic is a high volume/low-cost cat spay/neuter clinic. As such, our primary goal is to surgically sterilize cats and reduce the population of feral cats and cats surrendered to area humane societies. We do not provide well animal exams. Our phone and email consultations are restricted to questions directly related to spaying and neutering your cat.