



PURPLE CAT

Veterinary Clinic

After surgery instructions

- Do not leave the Purple Cat Vet Clinic without **confirming you have your cat** and your cat's **surgery record**.
- Before leaving **check that your kennel is securely shut** including all latches and zippers. Cats will escape if given the chance!
- Before leaving, check your surgery and vaccine documents and verify that all requested services were done.
- **Keep your surgery record and vaccine certificates 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. **In order to request copies of these records, go to the www.purplecatvet.com website.**
- **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.
- If the incision is red, painful, draining or if you are not sure if there is a concern, please **text Dr. Angie at 715-419-2338 and send a picture.**
- **Offer food 3-4 hours after surgery for adult cats or immediate upon arrival home for kittens** less than 6 months of age. See below for more specific directions on feeding. Text Dr. Angie at 715-419-2338 if your cat is not eating by 8 am the morning after surgery.

If you are concerned about your cat following his or her surgery at our clinic, and you think it is related to the surgery, please TEXT the Purple Cat Mobile Veterinary at 715-419-2338. Dr. Angie will return your text, or call you, within a short period of time including the evening up to 9 p.m. If you have a concern in the middle of the night, or if you have not received a response from Dr. Angie in a timely fashion, please contact your regular veterinarian or the nearest 24-hour emergency clinic. This includes Allied Emergency Veterinary Service in Eau Claire, WI at (715)529-5900, Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Service in Duluth, MN at (218)302-8000 and Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Oakdale, MN (651)501-3766.

Additional Instructions Feral/outdoor cats:

- DO NOT release your cat until tomorrow morning.
- Keep cat in a crate/live trap until released into the outdoors.
- Cover the crate with a sheet or light blanket to reduce stress for the cat.
- Keep the cat in a warm environment (68 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 a small amount of canned food mixed with water today. Place food in a shallow dish. Open the cage door only as far as is needed to get food inside. Place food inside without placing your hand inside the cage. Use extreme caution so as not to get bitten. If in doubt, do not feed the 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.
- 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.

Additional Instructions Indoor cats:

- Okay to offer water and a small meal 4-6 hours after their surgery. Usually this coincides with when you arrive home. If they are not interested in eating right away, or falling asleep in the food dish, this is not unusual. This means the anesthesia is still having an effect. Pick up the food and offer it again after a couple of hours. All cats should be eating by the morning after surgery. If your cat has not eaten by 8 am the following morning, you should contact Dr. Angie at 715-419-2338 before 10am-text message preferred.
- Do not allow rough play for one week.
- Keep indoors exclusively for 2 weeks.

Additional Instructions Kittens less than 6 months:

- Feed a small meal (1-2 tablespoons) of canned food and water immediately when you get home. Can repeat every 1-2 hours if there is no vomiting. The next day return to normal feeding. Text Dr. Angie at 715-419-2338 if kittens are not eating by 6 pm the same day as surgery.