

Arizona Spay & Neuter Clinic
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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480-874-3647
Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

Declaw Aftercare Instructions

Your pet has undergone major surgery and anesthesia and their behavior may be altered tonight and into tomorrow morning. For example, your pet may be wobbly, sleepy, irritable, and may have glossy eyes. Listed below are some suggestions and instructions to aid in a pleasant recovery.

1. Tonight give $\frac{1}{2}$ the normal amount of food after 6 pm. Your pet may feel nauseous, do not be concerned if your pet is not interested in the food until tomorrow. Occasional vomiting after surgery can be normal. If your pet is nauseous please do not offer food or water until the following morning. Call us for instructions if your pet has not eating within 24 hours of surgery.
2. **For the next 14 days** use a special litter **ONLY**. We suggest a brand called “Yesterdays News”, shredded newspaper, shredded office paper, and/or the “crystal” only litter. Do not allow access to other litters or potted plants as this can cause infections in the feet.
3. **DO NOT ALLOW** your pet to lick, chew, or scratch at the paws. If your pet is bothering the incision you need to obtain pain meds and an e-collar immediately. We have e-collars available for \$14.00. If your pet licks or chews at the incision it can cause infections and can cause the incision to open. This may occur at any time during the first 7-10 days after surgery.
4. If your pet’s feet are bandaged, gently remove the wraps by pulling the tab of the tape around, the following morning. Some bleeding or spotting may occur. This is normal and will usually stop on its own. If the wraps happen to fall off before the following morning confine them to a small, quiet place where some spotting will be contained.
5. Keep paws dry and clean. Call us if you notice discharge from the toes.
6. Pain medications are available through our office. **DO NOT GIVE TYLENOL OR ASPIRIN, as these can be toxic to cats.** Please call if your pet is in pain or licking the incision, or if the toes are swollen.
7. If your cat is limping for more than 7 days after surgery please contact the clinic. Recheck exams are included in the price of the surgery, do not hesitate to recheck with us if you are concerned about your pet’s recovery status.
8. We use surgical skin adhesive that may cause the incision to have a blue or green color, do not be concerned.

We perform thousands of surgeries every year, and complications are very rare; however, if you have **ANY QUESTIONS** or concerns give us a call so that we may assist in the care of your pet. For after hours questions call our office, this number is forwarded to our office manager **Treva** and she will be happy to help you with any concerns **(480) 874-3647**. If Treva is unavailable you may contact **Dr. Mel Pence** our responsible veterinarian at **(480) 318-9156**.

For emergencies you may contact The Scottsdale Veterinary Clinic at (480) 945-8484 (7am-7pm, 7 days a week) or The Emergency Animal Clinic at 480-949-9001 (24 hours). You will be responsible for any charges incurred at these facilities.

Dr recommends next dose of pain medication (metacam) is given at _____ (Declined).

Dr recommends next dose of antibiotics (clavamox) is given at _____ (Declined).

Dr recommends e-collar (Declined). Your technician today was _____