



# The SPAY CLINIC

SMALL ANIMAL SPAYS & NEUTERS

## Home Care for Cats

Please feed your cat 1/4 to 1/3 the amount of food and water that they normally eat. If he or she does well with this meal, continue feeding normal amounts tomorrow morning. Decreased appetite can be normal following surgery. Please keep your cat indoors for 1 week following surgery. Ensure that it stays completely clean and dry for 2 weeks. No baths for a minimum of 2 weeks.

Please check your cat's incision daily until it is healed. Contact us if you notice excessive redness, swelling or any discharge. ***Your cat must not be permitted to lick their incision.*** If they are licking, distract them from it or squirt them with a small stream of water from a spray bottle if necessary. If the licking continues, they will need to wear an e-collar which may be purchased at the Spay Clinic.

Females may experience a lump about the size of a walnut or smaller at one end of the incision. This is a suture reaction, and is considered normal. It should resolve within 4-6 weeks.

If your cat received a tattoo, it may scab over and peel off slowly. Please do not disrupt the scab, or the tattoo could fade and become un-readable. If you find that your pet seems uncomfortable or the tattoo is itchy you may apply a small amount of un-scented cream (Lubriderm). Tattoos may fade or blur over time.

Help us to keep our database current by informing us of any changes in your contact information OR if your pet changes ownership.

**If you have any concerns regarding your cat's surgery, please contact us at 780-426-4221. For after hours, contact Edmonton Veterinarians' Emergency Clinic at 780- 433-9505.**