

Beattie Animal Hospital  
70 Paris Rd  
Brantford, Ont.,  
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### **Post-Surgical Homecare Instructions Declaw**

While your pet is with us for surgery today, there are a few things that we would like to make you aware of prior to being discharged from the clinic.

Our surgery technician will contact you with an update on your pet when all of our surgical procedures have been completed today. This is usually after 3pm.

It is important that you follow our post-surgery instructions to help your pet recover quickly and without any complications.

- Replace regular litter with shredded paper or Yesterdays News for the next 10-14 days. All cats in the household can use this. **DO NOT** use clay or clumping litter as they may cause complications while the feet are healing.
- We use absorbable sutures, so you do not need to return to the clinic to have the sutures removed unless otherwise specified by the doctor.
- No licking at incisions. We recommend that you take home an E-collar to prevent your pet from any licking or chewing.
- Restricted Exercise- Please keep your pet quiet at home and do not allow them to participate in rough-play with other pets. Do not allow your pet to jump off of any furniture as the added pressure on their feet may cause bleeding.
- No swimming or baths for the next 10-14 days while the incision heals.
- Consider taking home additional oral pain medication to help keep your pet comfortable while they recover from surgery.
- Monitor your pets incisions for any discharge or bleeding.
- Mature pets may show more swelling and have a longer recovery period than immature pets.
- Monitor your pet for any changes such as vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite or lethargy. Please call us if you have any concern

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**Post-Surgical Homecare Instructions  
Feline Neuter**

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- No licking at incisions. We recommend that you take home an E-collar to prevent your pet from any licking or chewing.
- Restricted Exercise- Do not allow your pet to run freely or participate in rough-play with other pets. Leash walk only for the next 7-10 days
- No swimming or baths for the next 10-14 days while the incision heals.
- Consider taking home additional oral pain medication to help keep your pet comfortable while they recover from surgery.
- Monitor your pets incision for any discharge or bleeding.
- Mature pets may show more swelling and have a longer recovery period than immature pets.
- Monitor your pet for any changes such as vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite or lethargy. Please call us if you have any concerns

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### **Post-Surgical Homecare Instructions Spay/Neuter**

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Our surgery technician will contact you with an update on your pet when all of our surgical procedures have been completed today. This is usually after 3pm.

It is important that you follow our post-surgery instructions to help your pet recover quickly and without any complications.

- We use absorbable sutures, so you do not need to return to the clinic to have the sutures removed. There are a few exceptions to this, and you will be notified of any changes at the time of discharge.
- No licking at incisions. We recommend that you take home an E-collar to prevent your pet from any licking or chewing.
- Restricted Exercise- Do not allow your pet to run freely or participate in rough-play with other pets. Leash walk only for the next 7-10 days
- No swimming or baths for the next 10-14 days while the incision heals.
- Consider taking home additional oral pain medication to help keep your pet comfortable while they recover from surgery.
- Monitor your pets incision for any discharge or bleeding.
- Mature pets may show more swelling and have a longer recovery period than immature pets.
- Monitor your pet for any changes such as vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite or lethargy. Please call us if you have any concerns

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**My Surgery Day**

Upon arriving to the clinic for surgery today, your pet will be weighed, have a neck ID collar put on and be placed into a kennel. If pre-anesthetic bloodwork has been elected, it will be collected, run and interpreted prior to the surgery. Your pet will be given 2 small injections. The first one is a medication that will sedate them, and the second is a pain medication. After 15-20 minutes, they will be ready for the anesthetic. If IV fluids are requested, a catheter and port are placed into one of the front legs, and then hooked up to fluids. The injectable anesthetic is now given, and your pet will quickly relax into sleep. An endotracheal tube is placed down their throat to continue receiving the inhalant anesthetic (Isoflurane) and oxygen during the surgery. Your pet will have their nails trimmed, lubricant placed into their eyes, ears and skin checked. The surgical area is clipped and prepared for surgery before being moved into the surgery room. Your pets vital signs are monitored throughout the surgery. Following the surgery, your pet will be recovered on a warm bed of blankets and heating devices. After the endotracheal tube is removed, your pet will receive an antibiotic injection. Once your pet is able to sit up and is responsive, they are moved back into their kennel and offered a small amount of food and water. Your pet will be kept warm and quiet until you arrive to pick them up later today.