

Small/Medium Skin Surgery Dismissal

We have just performed surgery on your cat's skin, to either remove a mass or lump, or to repair a wound. Here are a few things you will need to know for the next week:

What to watch for:

- Please watch the incision area for any signs of discharge, or swelling.
- If your cat acts lethargic, is not eating, or is vomiting, please call us immediately.
- If your cat is licking at the incision, please let us know, and we will dispense an e-collar.
- If your cat removes some or all of the sutures within the next 10 days, please bring your cat back in, and we will decide if the sutures need to be replaced.

Items that may have been sent home with you:

- Pain medication. This may or may not have been dispensed based on the size and location of the wound.
 - If this was dispensed, please follow label instructions and give until gone.
 - If not dispensed, and you would like to have some, please let us know and we can get some for you.
- Antibiotics. This may or may not have been dispensed based on whether or not infection was present.
 - If this was dispensed, please follow label instructions and give until gone.
 - If you are unable to get the antibiotics into your cat, please let us know, as we have alternative routes of delivery for most antibiotics.
- E-Collar. This would have been dispensed if we felt that your cat was likely to try and pull out the sutures.
 - If this was dispensed, please keep it on at all times for a full week. It only takes a few minutes for your cat to remove almost all of the sutures.
 - If this was not dispensed, and you feel that your cat will do their best to remove the sutures, then let us know and we will get one for you.
 - The soft sided e-collars can be washed in the laundry if needed.

Follow-up:

- The sutures used were absorbable unless otherwise specified, so will not need to be removed. They will dissolve and fall out over the next 2-8 weeks.
- If we sent tissue into a pathologist for histopathology, it can take up to a week for us to receive results, at which point we will contact you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at All Feline Hospital at 402-467-2711 or info@allfelinehospital.com.