

**Orchidectomy is the full name** for the procedure that your cat has just undergone. Commonly known as neutering, this surgery involves the removal of both testicles. This makes it so that your male will not be able to get female cats pregnant or sire kittens. This will also reduce a number of behavioral problems.

**Most cats do quite well after surgery.** If yours does not, please call and let us know what is going on. Once home, wait at least 1 hour before offering any food or water. First offer only small amounts of water, and if he seems alert and hungry, offer small amounts of food (1/3 of usual meal). Every pet reacts differently, some pets may not eat anything for 24 hours. There should be no sickness, he should feel good, he should eat well, and his incisions should not be red, swollen, or oozing. Problems would include vomiting, lethargy, poor appetite, or leaking or oozing from the incision. If there are any problems, please call and let us know. There is no difference in aftercare for cats receiving laser surgery.

**Most cats go home** on Buprenorphine, a liquid pain medication that is absorbed across the gums. To give this medication insert the syringe gently into your cat's mouth and deposit the medication anywhere between cheek and gum. Don't give buprenorphine at the same time as other medications. Give the other medication first, then wait 10 minutes and give the buprenorphine. Buprenorphine is dosed every 12 hours. Do not refrigerate. Keep this and all medications out of the reach of children.

**There is no need to restrict your cat's exercise.** However, it is a good idea to keep him confined for a few days so you can be sure to give the pain medication.

**At least once a day look at his incision.** Make sure he is not chewing or licking it. The incisions should be dry and clean. Do not put anything on the incisions. I do not recommend cleaning them, as that can slow down healing. No bathing for two weeks.

**There are no stitches.**