

Ovariohysterectomy is the full name for the procedure that your cat has just undergone. Commonly known as spaying, this surgery involves the removal of both ovaries and the uterus. This makes it so that your female will not come into heat or have kittens. It also reduces her chances of developing breast cancer significantly.

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 giving anything by mouth. First offer only small amounts of water, and if she 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 vomiting, she should feel good, she should eat well, and her incision should not be red, swollen, or oozing. If she vomits, does not seem to feel good, does not eat well, or has problems with her incision, please call and let us know.

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.

It is important to restrict her activity for the first week. For most cats, it is best to simply confine them to inside the house for one week.

At least once a day look at her incision. Make sure she is not chewing or licking it. The incision should not appear red or infected. It should be dry and clean. Do not put anything on the incision. I do not recommend cleaning it, either, as that can slow down healing. No bathing until the sutures are removed.

There Are No Stitches To Be Removed