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Good Karma... For EVERY Hawaii island dog and cat

Community Cat Post Operative Instructions

- **Kitty has been given a long-lasting pain medication during surgery.**
- **Keep kitty in a protected area overnight.** It can take animals 24 hours or longer to fully recover from anesthesia. Each animal is different. During recovery, the cat may not be able to protect itself from other animals or may wander into traffic. We recommend placing the cat in his/her trap/carrier in an enclosed area – either a room in your home or garage, overnight. While recovering, please do not disturb kitty as much as possible and try to keep trap/carrier covered with a light towel or sheet. Frantic activity can cause bleeding at incisions. Kitty can be released to the wild 24 hours after being discharged from the clinic.
- **Do not feed or give water until at least 1 hour after arriving at home and only if alert and interested in eating/drinking. At first give a small amount of food and/or water so that kitty doesn't eat/drink too quickly. Wait a while and if kitty does not vomit, you can give a little more food/water.** After being under anesthesia, animals may not want to eat right away. They may be nauseous. If vomiting occurs, do not feed any more until later this evening or even tomorrow morning. Depending on the kitty, you may not want to open the trap/carrier to feed/water. Introducing food/water through the top/sides of a closed trap/carrier may be the best option to prevent kitty from bolting.
- **If kitty is not completely unsocialized and you can handle him/her:**
 - **Usually recovery from surgery is rapid.** Kitty should be nearly normal within 24-48 hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Good Karma Spay and Neuter Clinic 209-0391 to speak with the Veterinarian.
 - **Monitor the incision if it is possible.**
 - Female cats have incisions on their bellies with stitches under the skin that will be absorbed. They do not have to be removed.
 - Male cats have no stitches. They have two incisions on the scrotum.
 - Examine the surgery site once a day for 7-10 days. Please call if you notice any signs of infection such as redness, swelling or discharge.
 - **Restrict activity for the next 10 days.** Please do your best to prevent kitty from running, jumping, or rough play for the next 10 days. Otherwise the incision is unlikely to heal without swelling or other complications.