

# GOFAR Discharge Sheet for House Cats

## Surgery Recovery Instructions:

**Please be sure to follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your pet has a speedy recovery!**

1. Your cat must be kept in a warm environment until tomorrow morning.
2. Keep your cat indoors for at least 24 hours following the procedure (48 hours for cats that were pregnant).
3. To prevent stomach upset, do not feed your cat during the first 8 hours following surgery. You may provide them with an ice cube or two to lick during this time.
4. Check your cat's incision site twice daily. A small amount of blood from the site is normal immediately following the surgery. If you notice continued bleeding or other discharge, please contact us at the number below.
5. Try your best to restrict your cat's activity level for 7 days following surgery.
6. Do not allow your cat to get wet for 7 days following surgery.
7. Your cat does not need to return for suture removal; absorbable sutures have been used.
8. The use of shredded paper in place of litter is recommended in the 7 days following the procedure to prevent litter from getting in the incision.
9. Do not give any over-the-counter pain medications such as aspirin or Tylenol to your cat unless prescribed by a veterinarian. These can be very deadly if used incorrectly.
10. If the incision site gets dirty you may gently clean the area with a cotton ball and hydrogen peroxide.

## Emergency Instructions:

Please call the number listed below if your cat has any of the following symptoms: bleeding, vomiting, difficulty breathing, and/or not waking up.

*\*If your cat is vomiting turn its head to ensure that the liquid can get out and remove the cat from the soiled area. Your cat may not be fully awake yet, so use gloves for your protection when moving it.*

**Number for emergencies ONLY: (607) 287-6898**