

## **Post-Operative Instructions: Feline Declaw**

Food and water: Feed your cat its normal food and water.

Eliminations: For five to seven days after surgery, use the specialty litter (Yesterday's news) in place of your usual litter.

Exercise and Activity: Your cat should be able to maintain normal exercise.

Sutures: The sutures are dissolving and will not need to be removed. However, they will need to be rechecked in seven days. Please call for an appointment.

Medications: Pain medication is sent home with your cat; please give it as advised.

Monitor: A slight decrease in activity or appetite for one to two days is normal. If your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms for more than one day, **notify the hospital:**

- Loss of appetite/thirst
- Severe depression or weakness
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Excessive swelling, bleeding, or drainage of the toes