



## HOMECARE NOTES: AFTER ABSCESS SURGERY

- Keep your cat in a warm sheltered spot for the first 24 hours with a litter tray, food and water within easy reach.
- Offer only a small amount of food when your cat first comes home- they may not feel like eating much if not fully recovered from the anaesthetic. It is best to offer something they are used to that is not too rich.
- On rare occasions, it may take a day or two before full recovery from general anaesthetic; if your cat seems to take any longer than this, please give the surgery a phone call.
- If your cat has stitches, don't allow your cat outside until the stitches have been removed. Removal of extra sutures should take place 10 days after surgery.
- If the wound seems swollen, red or infected or if your cat seems unwell, please contact us. Don't bathe your cat while the stitches are in.
- If your cat starts to bite at the stitches, your cat may need to wear a special collar to prevent pulling the stitches out. Please call us. Please note that licking the stitches is normal and usually doesn't cause problems.

If you have any other questions please feel free to phone us for advice!

