



HEMOCARE NOTES: AFTER ABSCESS SURGERY (WITH DRAIN)

- 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- cats may not feel like eating much while not fully recovered from the anaesthetic. It is best to offer something they are used to that is not too rich.
- Although cats are usually bright on the same evening, it may take a day or two before full recovery from general anaesthetic; if it seems to take any longer than this, please give the surgery a phone call.
- Drain removal should take place 3-5 days after surgery. Please call us to make an appointment.
- Removal of stitches should take place 10 days after surgery. Please call us to make an appointment. Your cat should not be allowed outside until these stitches are removed.
- If the wound seems swollen, red or infected or if your cat seems unwell, please contact us.
- It is important that the points where the drain enters the skin are kept clean by gently moving the drain once a day to prevent scab formation. This is because the drain works by allowing debris to flow out of the wound by passing down the outside of the drain.
- Don't bathe your cat while the drain and/or stitches are in.
- If your cat starts to bite at the drain or stitches, your cat may need to wear a special collar to prevent pulling the stitches out too early. Please call us. Please note that licking the stitches is normal and usually doesn't cause problems.
- Please give all medications as directed.

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