

# Good Shepherd Veterinary Hospital

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## Post Declaw Home Care Instructions

### *What you need to know while your pet is healing from surgery:*

- **Please refrain from using normal cat litter for the next 10 days-** You can use shredded paper, or a pellet product called Yesterday's News (made from recycled newspaper) while your pet heals. This reduces the opportunity for infection to occur.
- **Monitor front paws** – Monitor surgical sites on each toe for EXCESSIVE swelling, or oozing of blood or pus. Contact us if you notice any of these signs or if your cat refuses to bear weight on front paws after the first 24 hrs.
- **Incision Licking** –Excessive licking of the incision causes irritation, swelling, and can lead to infection. Please keep the provided e-collar in place for the next 10 days.
- **Recovery Time-** Expect that it will take about 2-6 weeks before your cat walks completely normal. The younger the cat, the quicker the recovery will be.
- **Pain Medications-** Your pet has received pain medications while in the hospital, and will continue to take them at home.
- **Sutures (stitches) -** There are **no sutures to remove**. The surgical sites were closed with a Surgical adhesive.
- **Food/Water-** Offer normal amount at home, but be aware that appetite may not return to normal for a day or two after surgery.
- **Keep feet dry for 10 days-** Do not wash the feet or apply anything topically. Excess moisture around the surgical site provides the perfect environment for an infection to occur.

**If you have any questions or experience any problems, feel free to contact our office directly at the above number.**

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Signature of Owner / Agent

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Date