

Care of your cat following capital physal fracture repair

The following medications have been dispensed. Please ensure **all doses** are given. If you are having difficulty dosing medications or your pet develops diarrhoea or vomiting, please seek **immediate** veterinary advice.

Medication:

Key Points for Aftercare:

The operation site will have been clipped (other sites may also have been clipped for administering drugs and fluids etc). Avoid your cat interfering with the surgical (and other clipped) site/s, and any bandages/dressings. Most wounds will be covered with a light adhesive dressing, and this often works loose or can be removed, after three to five days. It is advisable your cat wear an Elizabethan protective collar to prevent attention to stitches or dressings. This should stay in place until the stitches/dressings are removed.

Confinement and permitted activity:

Your cat should be kept confined to a cage to restrict activity. This should be comfortably large enough to accommodate water and food bowls, a bed and a litter tray. Maintain strict confinement for at least the first six weeks following surgery; only relax confinement when your Vet specifically advises you to do so.

Re-examinations with your vet:

- **Morning** after surgery if your cat was discharged the same day as surgery
- **3 days** following surgery: post-surgery check-up
- **10 days** after surgery: check on wound healing (+/- suture/staple removal, if present).
- **4 weeks** following surgery: X-rays will typically be taken so please bring your cat in fasted
- **6 weeks** following surgery: check-up and implant removal- please bring your cat in fasted

Gradual improvement should be expected following surgery. If deterioration occurs, please contact your vet immediately.

Variation from these aftercare instructions may increase the risk of post-surgical complications or otherwise affect outcome; only make variations if **specifically advised** to do so by your vet.