

Dear Client,

Your Pet has been castrated. This procedure involves surgery in a very sensitive area and therefore needs care for sometime after the event. Unfortunately Pets do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with your pets recovery.

### **Immediately After**

When you pick your pet from our clinic he may be a little drowsy. This is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12 – 24 hours. There will be some bruising, the same as in humans, so he should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days.

### **What to do**

Keep him in a quiet, warm place and give only small amounts to eat and drink. He will be back to normal in a couple of days.

### **Take care**

Most recover fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that he may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything he can to upset the surgery and / or sutures. Please try to keep him as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed.

### **Problems**

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem.

1. Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
2. Excessive redness or irritation around the suture line
3. Swelling or lumpiness around suture

If you notice any of these signs please do not hesitate to call our clinic. We are interested in your pets well being so please feel free to call us.

**Note: Your Pet will need his sutures taken out in 10 days so please arrange an appointment.**

Yours sincerely,

The friendly staff at  
WARWICK VETERINARY CLINIC