



Zion Veterinary Hospital

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Take Home Instructions for Declaw

Medications:

Antibiotic: _____ Start at: _____ am/pm

Pain medication: _____ Start at: _____ am/pm

Activity:

- Confine to a small room (ie bathroom) where your kitty cannot jump on/off furniture for 14 days.
- Encourage your pet to “take it easy” for 14 days, no rough play.
- E-collar must be worn for 14 days.
- Bandages should be removed by the veterinarian 3-4 days after surgery. After bandages have been removed, check your cat’s feet daily for any swelling or discharge.
- A paper or pelleted litter should be used for 2 weeks after the surgery (a bag will be sent home)
- Your pet may be reluctant to eat the night after surgery, this is normal. Offer about half the normal amount of food. If your pet vomits, removed the food and water bowls for 4 hours, then try again with smaller amounts. If your pet continues to vomit, call us at the clinic.
- Keep your pet dry for 14 days; no baths, swimming, etc.
- If your pet had an IV catheter, the bandage can be removed 1-2 hours.

Please notify us if your pet:

- Has bleeding from the toes, chews or damages the toes, or has difficulty walking.
- Is vomiting or still reluctant to eat 12+ hours after being picked up.
- Becomes depressed or lethargic.

Please call us at (435) 635-4033 with any questions or concerns