



The Spay Neuter Clinics of Texas
915-307-3893
DECLAW
AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS



1. Remove the granulated litter from your cat's litter box and replace it with either newspaper shredded into ½" strips or a cat litter called Yesterday's News. Keep the new litter in place for the next 2 weeks. Access to granulated litter or dirt can result in an infection at the declaw sites.
2. Give your pet about half the normal amount of food tonight with water. Do not be concerned if he/she does not eat during the next 24 hours.
3. DO NOT give your cat aspirin, Tylenol, or any other over-the-counter medication.
4. The bandages on your cat's paws are designed to be easily removed by your cat and may even be off by the time you pick up your cat. If the bandages are still on 24 hours following the surgery, carefully remove them by loosening the white tape from the fur at the top of the bandage and pulling the wrap off like a sock. Do not try to unwrap the bandage or use scissors. If you have trouble removing the bandages, please return your cat to the clinic and we will remove them for you.
5. Check the toes daily for swelling or discharge. Keep the paws dry. Call us if your cat is limping more than three days after surgery. You may notice green or blue glue on the toes. This is a skin adhesive used to close the incision and should be left alone.
6. The full recovery time varies with each cat. Most cats will be completely healed in 2-6 weeks. Larger, older cats tend to take longer to heal than younger, smaller cats.

WE ARE NOT A 24 hour CARE FACILITY. If you have any questions or concerns, our staff is available by telephone Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 AM to 4 PM or Wednesdays through Saturdays from 7 AM to 6 PM. For afterhours emergencies, call the El Paso Animal Emergency and Veterinary Specialty Center at 915-545-1148.