

Westbrook Animal Hospital

Post-Surgery Recovery Instructions: Feline Tumor Removal



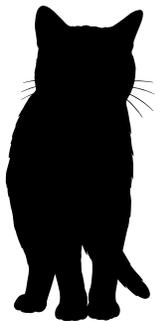
Thank you for trusting Westbrook Animal Hospital to care for your pet. To ensure a smooth recovery following your cat's tumor removal surgery, please follow these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at **(207) 797-4747** or via email at **westbrookah@gmail.com**.

1. General Post-Surgical Care

- Monitoring Behavior:** Your cat may be groggy or disoriented for 24-48 hours due to anesthesia. Provide a quiet, comfortable space for them to rest away from other pets or loud noises.

- Appetite:** It's normal for cats to have a decreased appetite for the first day post-surgery. Offer small amounts of food and gradually resume their regular diet after 24 hours unless otherwise directed.

- Water Access:** Ensure fresh water is readily available but monitor their intake.



2. Wound Care

- Incision Check:** Inspect the surgical site daily if possible for redness, swelling, discharge, or foul odor. Mild swelling or bruising can be normal, but any worsening signs need attention.

- Prevent Licking:** Use the provided e-collar (cone) or a surgical recovery suit to prevent your cat from licking or scratching the incision if they are able to reach the area. This is essential for proper healing.

- Keep the Area Clean:** Do not apply creams, ointments, or bandages unless instructed. If the area becomes dirty, gently clean it with warm water and pat dry.

3. Activity Restrictions

- Limit Movement:** Confine your cat to a small, safe area to prevent jumping, climbing, or vigorous activity for 10-14 days.

•**Monitor Mobility:** Use soft bedding to avoid pressure on the incision site and minimize stress during recovery.

4. Pain Management & Medications

•**Pain Relief:** Administer any prescribed pain medications exactly as directed. Never give over-the-counter medications to your cat without veterinary approval.

•**Antibiotics:** If antibiotics were prescribed, ensure your cat completes the entire course, even if they appear to feel better.

•**Watch for Side Effects:** Monitor for signs of vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual reactions to medications, and contact us if they occur.

5. Follow-Up Care

•**Suture/Staple Removal:** If you were notified that non-dissolvable sutures or staples were used, schedule a follow-up appointment for removal (typically 10-14 days post-surgery).

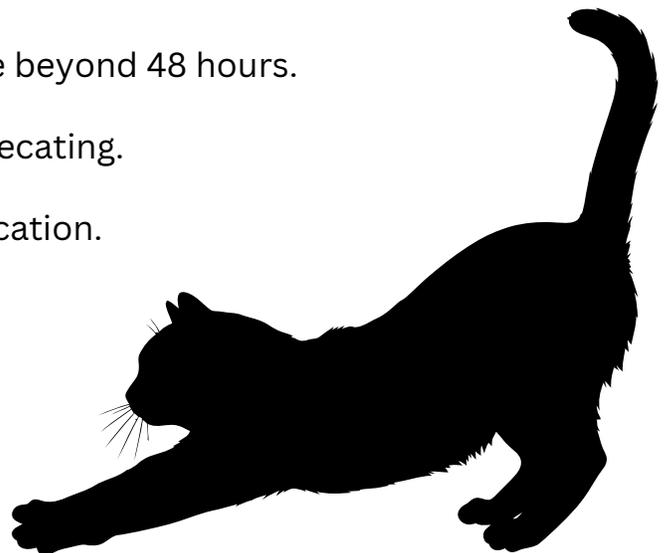
•**Pathology Results:** If the tumor was sent for analysis, we will contact you with results as soon as they are available, typically between 7-14 days or longer.



6. Watch for Warning Signs

Contact us immediately if you notice:

- Excessive swelling, redness, or discharge from the incision.
- Persistent lethargy, hiding, or lack of appetite beyond 48 hours.
- Vomiting, diarrhea, or difficulty urinating/defecating.
- Any signs of discomfort or pain despite medication.



Contact Us

For questions or concerns, please reach out:

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For after-hours emergencies, contact your nearest emergency veterinary clinic.

We're here to help your pet recover comfortably and safely. Thank you for being a part of the Westbrook Animal Hospital family!

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