

Other things to note

Wound care

It is essential to keep your cat's wound area clean and dry, and to prevent your cat from licking, biting or scratching at stitches, dressings or the site of injury/surgery.

Your vet may have supplied a special collar or body suit, to help prevent your cat licking, biting or scratching their wound. If so, it is important that you use this as directed. If you notice any redness, swelling, or discharge from the wound, please consult your vet.

Bandage care

It is important that bandages remain clean and dry, so remember to keep your cat indoors if they have a bandage and contact your vet if it seems wet, damaged or looks as though it has slipped out of position.

Other medicines

You may have been given other medicines to use alongside Metacam® Oral Suspension. It is important that you give these as directed by your vet and finish the course(s) of treatment.



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Please do not hesitate to call if you are in any way concerned about the health of your cat.

Next appointment

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Going home with pain relief

AN OWNER'S GUIDE TO
RECOVERY FROM SURGERY

Staying pain-free on the road to recovery

To ensure your cat stays pain-free and as comfortable as possible, they have already been given pain relief which should provide comfort until tomorrow.

Your vet has also dispensed a follow-up pain-relieving medicine, Metacam® Oral Suspension. Metacam® is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine in an easy-to-give formulation which helps cats stay pain-free during recovery. You should give this medicine once a day for the next few days, as recommended by your veterinary surgeon. It can be given either mixed into the food or directly into your cat's mouth.

All being well, your cat will make a good recovery. However, if at any time you think your cat is uncomfortable or still experiencing pain, or you are worried in any way about their condition, please contact your vet to discuss the situation.

How do cats show that they are in pain?

It is known that pain can persist for several days following injury or surgery. However, unlike people, cats cannot tell you when they are sore or in pain.



SO HOW CAN YOU TELL?



Signs of pain or discomfort to look out for

The main things to watch for are any changes in your cat's normal, daily behaviour:

Reluctance to move

Cats who are slower, withdrawn or are more reluctant to move around than normal may be in pain.



Hunched or stiff

Some cats in pain sit hunched up with their back arched, or they may lie down in an abnormally stiff posture.

Off their food

Turning their nose up at food, when their appetite is normally good, can be a sign of a cat being in pain or discomfort.

Not themselves

If your normally friendly and easy-going cat becomes tetchy, tries to claw or bite or simply doesn't like being handled, this could be a sign of pain. Likewise, if they become more withdrawn and don't want to interact with you as usual, this can be another sign of pain or discomfort.



Remember, if your cat has had a general anaesthetic, they may have some after-effects, such as unsteadiness and drowsiness. These normally wear off within 24 hours. If they do not, consult your vet for advice.

Things you can do to comfort your cat

Rest and recovery

After surgery or a painful traumatic event, your cat should be kept inside initially to keep them warm and quiet. Ensure that their bedding is comfortable and make sure you provide a litter tray for those necessities of life.

Careful feeding

Unless otherwise instructed, you can offer your cat a light meal on the first evening, with a plentiful supply of drinking water.

Keep food and water within reach

Put food and water somewhere within easy reach, so your cat doesn't have to travel too far or jump up to get what they need. Remember, food should be in a place where your cat feels 'safe' and not near the cat flap or litter tray.

Gentle stroking or grooming

If your cat is in the mood for contact, they may find it soothing if you gently stroke or groom them to help them stay calm and reassured. Remember to avoid any affected areas that may be sore or painful.

Don't forget

Remember that your cat may take a little while to get back to their old self. Your veterinary practice is best placed to advise how to help your cat, and also what to expect during their recovery.

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