



Post-Operative Care Instructions Community Cats & Companion Cats

SAME DAY PATIENT PICK UP	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Important Notice	Clinic closes at 5:00 PM. No staff remain on premises after closing.
Policy	Patients may NOT be left overnight. Failure to pick up will result in transport to the nearest animal shelter.
Payment	Cash and credit cards accepted. No checks.

Post-Op Concerns & Contact Information

For concerns about slow recovery or complications, call CATC at (818) 330-3403 (Wednesday–Saturday, 7:00 AM–4:30 PM).

For CATC Emergency after normal business hours, call **(747) 261-8703** and leave a detailed message with your phone number, AND email a detailed message with your phone number to info@catcburbank.org.

Illnesses or injuries unrelated to surgery must be treated by your regular veterinarian. CATC is not responsible for outside veterinary fees.

For After-Hours Emergencies, Please Immediately Contact:

Metropolitan Animal Specialty Hospital

📍 6565 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90038

☎ (855) 350-7387 | Open 24 hours

NOHO Urgent Care Animal Hospital

📍 5160 Vineland Ave, Unit 111 & 112, North Hollywood, CA 91601

☎ (818) 514 - 4551 | Open 7am - 11pm

VCA Animal Specialty Group

📍 4641 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039

☎ (818) 244-7977 | Open 24 hours

Burbank Animal Urgent Care

📍 126 E Alameda Ave, Burbank, CA 91502

☎ (818) - 296-0700 - Open 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Urgent Care Animal Hospital

📍 4945 N Eagle Rock Blvd Suite, A Los Angeles, CA 90041

☎ (323) 285-2279 Open 10:00am to 11:00 pm

General Post-Operative Instructions

- No suture or stitch removal is required unless advised.
- Feed ¼ can of wet food 6 hours after surgery.

- Normal appetite should return within 24 hours.
- If your pet received a microchip, you'll receive a registration card and instructions at check-out. Please make sure to register it with your information as soon as possible.

Normal vs Abnormal Recovery

Normal Recovery Behavior	Abnormal Recovery Behavior
Reduced activity, mild lethargy, slight wobbliness, light panting, minor ear-tip bleeding, or a small incision bump (female cats).	Continued bleeding or discharge, vomiting, dilated pupils, continued wobbliness, rapid breathing, or shivering the morning after surgery.

Community Cats

- Keep the cat fully covered in the trap at all times.
- Recover indoors in a climate-controlled space.
- Monitor hourly until bedtime.
- Release the morning after surgery if no abnormal signs are present, unless otherwise directed.
- Do NOT release cats showing abnormal recovery behavior. Seek veterinary care immediately.

Companion Cats (Pets, Fosters, Tames)

- No running, jumping, or strenuous activity for 7–10 days.
- Keep calm and quiet; separate from other pets for 3–5 days.
- Check incision twice daily.
- Prevent licking. E-collar required 24/7 for 10–14 days.