Discharge Orders
Perineal Urethrostomy in Cats

Feeding:
• Feed canned food for life to increase water consumption.
• Provide added fluids by mixing 1 – 2 tablespoons of water into the canned food, and provide access to fresh water at all times.
• Some cats benefit from automatic waterers to increase drinking, and thus dilute the urine to prevent stone formation.

Restraint:
• An Elizabethan collar will probably be necessary to prevent self-trauma to the surgery area.

Exercise:
• Your pet is restricted to being indoors for 2 weeks.
• Then your pet may exercise about the yard without vigorous activity for 2 weeks.
• Then, your pet may exercise as normal.

Bandages:
• There are no bandages.

Incisions:
• Check the incision each morning for swelling, redness, drainage or other signs of infection. Call early in the day if there is a problem. Call if you are not sure.
• We need to recheck the incision in 3 or 4 days. Please make an appointment with your regular veterinarian.
• Please make an appointment for suture removal in 10 days, again with your regular veterinarian.

Observations:
• Be sure your cat is able to urinate freely. Clean the litter pan daily and be sure there is new urination at least twice daily.

Medications:
• Please read the instructions on the bottle(s) carefully. If there are any questions, please ask.

Follow Up:
• Please call with a progress report in 6 weeks.
• If Doctor is not available to the phone that day, leave a message with the staff. Doctor will return your call if he has any concerns, or you have any concerns.

Instructions:

Final Thought:
• Thank you!! Please call with whatever questions or problems you may have!!

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