Heart Mountain Animal Health

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Your cat underwent a surgical declaw, which is the extraction of the toenail and underlying bone.

Post Surgical Care for Cat Declaws:

- Keep your cat quiet for the next few days. Restrain them from any heavy activities such as jumping and running around excessively, this could cause the feet to bleed.
- Watch the paws for any swelling or oozing. If at any time this should happen contact Dr. Oursler or her staff immediately.
- For the next five days you will need to use non-clumping cat litter in the litter box to avoid infection. Yesterday's News or Natural Harmony are paper litters that work well. You can also use regular clay litter, unscented. Take a handful of used cat litter from current box and add it to any new cat litter you purchase, so the territory is familiar to them
- For the next five days there will be a Fentanyl patch for pain in between the shoulder blades or on their side. After five days it may be removed and flushed down the toilet. If this is eaten, it can cause severe depression and respiratory failure.
- Be sure to give the oral Amoxicillin twice daily to prevent infection.
- Be sure to give oral Meloxicam as an anti-inflammatory/pain medication. This drug can be toxic to the kidneys, so it is imperative that it not be overdosed. If still painful after a week, please call us.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call:

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