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CARE FOLLOWING ANESTHESIA

Your cat has received an anesthetic in order to have a special procedure or surgery. Each patient is unique and we have chosen a set of anesthetic agents appropriate to the health issues that *your* particular cat faces. Since we choose the safest agents for each individual, each patient may receive a slightly different anesthetic protocol. Some cats may have injectable medications, some may have gas anesthetic, and some may have both.

Here are some recommendations to follow after an anesthetic procedure:

- 1. Your cat may feel disoriented, and not recognize you right away, so approach him or her slowly and quietly.**
- 2. Your cat may be groggy for a number of hours after the anesthetic and should be confined to a small room away from other pets, children and stairs until he or she has regained their sense of balance.**
- 3. One of your cat's legs may have a shaved area with a bandage on it. This is where the I.V. (intravenous) catheter was placed to administer medications. You may remove the bandage after 2-4 hours at home. Your cat's hair will grow back in this area in approximately 14 to 21 days.**
- 4. You may offer food and water in very small amounts after your pet has settled down at home for at least an hour. Wait an hour before offering more.**