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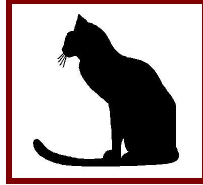
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CARE FOLLOWING DENTISTRY

Your cat has received an anesthetic in order to have a dental 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:

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. (And, yes, kitty's fur will grow back!)
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 any more food.
5. Your cat's gums may be sensitive. You can moisten their usual dry food, or offer a small amount of canned food. If your cat is on a prescription diet or is not used to eating canned food please ask for recommendations. It is fine for your cat to eat his or her normal dry food if he or she prefers it.