

## HOME CARE FOR CATS AFTER DECLAW SURGERY

- \* Keep your pet quiet for a day or two after returning home. Your pet will most likely be a little bit groggy and slow-moving the first couple of days after surgery.
- \* Check your cat's paws daily. They will be very tender and sore for quite some time, but there should be no discharge or swelling. If you notice discharge or swelling, call the clinic immediately for further medical attention.
- \* Occasionally upon returning to activity, cats will bump or lick their paws, disturbing the scab and causing some bleeding. Normally this is nothing to be alarmed about. However you may want to put a loose bandage on the paw with a telfa pad and gauze to keep blood from staining your carpet or furniture.
- \* Do not allow the paws to get wet. No baths for 1 week.
- \* Use shredded paper in the litter box for 3 days after returning home. This will prevent the litter from irritating the paws and causing infection.
- \* If the incisions look abnormal to you or you think your cat is not acting well, or if you have any questions regarding your cat's condition, call the clinic immediately. Telephone (409)389-2200  
Emergency Clinics (409) 842-3239 or (713) 941-8460