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.