Manlius Veterinary Hospital

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Sarabi did great for his neuter today and will need special care to make sure he has a full and uneventful recovery.

<u>Sedation</u>: Due to sedation, you may notice that Sarabi is a little groggy for the next 12-24 hours. Please make sure he is kept somewhere that he won't fall or hurt himself until the sedation is fully out of his system.

<u>Diet</u>: Only feed Sarabi about half of his normal diet tonight. If he eats it and does not vomit within an hour you can give the other half. Please also limit water initially. Vomiting after eating or drinking too much is not uncommon after being fasted or after sedation. You may need to cut back or adjust the amount of food you give because his metabolism may decrease without the influence of hormones (will take about 6 weeks for the testosterone to get out of his system) and we don't want him becoming overweight. You may resume his normal feeding tomorrow morning.

<u>Activity</u>: Please keep Sarabi calm for the next 5-7 days while his incision is healing. This includes minimizing running, jumping, and stairs. Sarabi may need to be confined to a small room during recovery. A medication called Gabapentin may be used to help keep Sarabi calm during her recovery. Do not give him a bath for 14 days. If Sarabi is an outdoor pet, he will need to be kept inside the night after his surgery and ideally during his recovery (5 days minimum).

<u>Incision Care</u>: The scrotal incisions were left open to heal over with scar tissue, so it is normal if they ooze for a day or so. It is important to not let him lick that area, as that can lead to an infection and delay healing. Please monitor his incisions for redness, swelling, and discharge. An e-collar can be used to keep him from licking for the next 7-10 days if needed.

<u>Sterilization Incision</u>: As part of responsible veterinary care, a small green tattoo is placed near the surgical incision site during spay or neuter surgery. This universally recognized mark ensures that Sarabi's is not subjected to unnecessary surgery in the future, especially if they end up in shelters or change owners. It's a simple, painless way to protect your pet and support lifelong health and safety. There is no aftercare needed.

<u>Medication</u>: The next dose of Sarabi's pain medication (Onsior or Meloxicam) can be found on the prescription label. He may be sent with a medication to help keep him calm during his recovery. If so, you can start the sedative (Gabapentin) tonight and give as needed.

<u>Microchip</u>: If Sarabi was given a microchip, we will register him for you. Next year you will be responsible for updating the contact and billing information to keep the membership active.

Thank you for allowing us to provide Sarabi with the best care possible. We wish him a quick and easy recovery. If you have any quesitons or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 682-200. For after hour care, please call the Veterinary Medical Center at 446-7933.