

POST OPERATIVE CARE OF RABBITS

- Ensure that your rabbit is kept warm and quiet overnight- keep inside for at least 24hours, longer if the weather is particularly cold.
- Please remove any straw or sawdust and replace with layers of newspaper and provide a soft, warm bed (eg. soft towels)
- Provide access to clean water and feed a tempting meal. Rabbits with a reduced appetite, as may occur post surgery, often appreciate fresh grass or herbs such as basil and parsley, and should start to eat within a few hours of returning home.
- It is normal for a rabbit to be quieter than usual for a few hours after surgery.
- Your rabbit may have stitches in the wound. These may be dissolving or may need to be removed after ten days. You will be informed about this when you collect your rabbit.
- Please check the wound daily to ensure the stitches are still in place and that there is no bleeding or swelling. It is especially important in warmer months to check that flies are not attracted to the wound.

PLEASE CALL US IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Appetite has not returned to normal in 24hours
- There is excessive swelling around the wound (slight swelling for the first two days may be normal)
- Your pet shows signs of discomfort
- You notice any smell, discharge or redness around the wound
- Your rabbit has not passed droppings after 24hours.

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