

RABBITS



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24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE*

*Working with the Royal Veterinary College

Bitch Spay - Post-operative Care

Rabbits & Rodents - Post-operative Care

Your pet has undergone a procedure today under a sedation or anaesthetic. Please observe the following instructions:

- The residual effects of anaesthetics may cause drowsiness, loss of appetite and reduced agility for approximately 24 hours.
- Due to their small size, heat loss can occur quickly, with detrimental effects. Therefore, it is important that your pet is kept in a warm environment and out of draughts. If your pet normally lives outside, we recommend they are brought inside for the night after their procedure.
- Exercise should be limited, even if your pet appears to have made a rapid and complete recovery. Restrict your pet to a small area, with no elevated surfaces to jump on or off, until the final check up appointment
- Unless otherwise advised, normal feeding should be resumed as quickly as possible. Offer your pet their favourite foods as soon as you get them home. For rabbits in particular, it is very important to make sure they eat and pass motions as soon as possible after their procedure, as this keeps their intestines moving properly. Not doing so can be potentially fatal.
- Please do not allow your pet to interfere with its wounds or dressings. Dressings should be kept dry. If surgical wounds are present then shredded paper should be used as bedding rather than straw or sawdust to help prevent wound irritation. Give hay as food but not for bedding. Check your pet's wound at least twice each day for any swelling, redness or discharge and please contact us if you are concerned. It is particularly important to check your rabbit's wound, in order to help prevent fly strike (maggots). Fly strike is most common in the summer months and can occur very quickly. It is a very distressing condition and can be fatal to your rabbit.
- Some fur may have been clipped from one or more places. This is where drugs or drips have been administered or blood samples taken. An area of fur may be clipped from the operation site to prevent the fur from contaminating the surgical area. The hair will grow back in a few weeks, but may take longer in the summertime.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR DOG OR HAVE ANY QUERIES DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US 01438 369390 OR OUT OF HOURS COVER (RVC) ON 01707 666399.

Medication	Dosage	Date to Start	AM/PM

Follow Up Appointments (Free of Charge):

Date	Time	Vet / Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/> Stitches will be removed in ____ days. <input type="checkbox"/> There are no stitches to remove.

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