

Caring For Your Rabbit After Neutering



PATIENT DETAILS

Name of patient:

Procedure:

Stitches? YES / NO

If yes: Stitches will dissolve / Stitches Need Removal

Please bear in mind that your pet may still be a bit sleepy after the operation, but we will always make sure they are awake and alert enough before sending them home.

To ensure your rabbit has a speedy recovery, please follow the guidance below:

- Ensure that your rabbit is kept in a warm and quiet environment overnight. Ideally inside so you can keep an eye on them.
- Provide access to clean water and a tempting meal as soon as you get home. Be aware that appetite may be reduced as a side effect of the anaesthetic.
- Ensure that your rabbit has plenty of soft warm bedding, avoid wood shavings as this may stick to your rabbits wound and cause irritation.
- Check the operation site 2-3 times a day to ensure that your rabbit has not interfered with it or removed any stitches. Clean around the area if necessary.
- Give any medications we have dispensed carefully, following the instructions on the labels. You should only need to give these medications for 3 days after surgery, unless instructed otherwise. To administer the medications, you may find it easiest to wrap your rabbit up in a towel to gently restrain them.

Contact Information

Telephone (24 hours): 01472 347054

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PLEASE NOTE:

Males can produce viable sperm for up to 4 weeks post-neutering. So, DO NOT place your male with an intact female until 4 weeks after surgery.

Please get in touch if you find any of the following:

- Appetite has not returned to normal after 24 hours.
- There is excessive swelling around the area of the wound (slight swelling around the wound in the first two days after surgery is normal).
- Your rabbit shows signs of discomfort.
- If you notice any smell, redness or discharge around the wound that would indicate a potential infection.
- If your rabbit will not eat or pass droppings after 24 hours of being home.

FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT (POST OPERATIVE CHECK)

Write appointment time and which surgery it is booked in for below.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend the above appointment and we will arrange an alternative day/time. If you are concerned about your pet after an operation, please call us on 01472 347054 (24 hour emergency line).