

## Home Care After Your Rabbit's Surgery

- \* Keep your rabbit warm, either inside or sheltered from the elements.
- \* Make sure that your rabbit is not disturbed by other members of the family, including other animals.
- \* Your rabbit should **not** be overly drowsy after surgery. Different anaesthetic agents are used to those with other animals.
- \* **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOUR RABBIT EATS SOON AFTER SURGERY.** If they are not eating within 12-24 hours, return to the clinic for further assessment.
- \* Shaved areas of surgery and injection sites should grow back within 3 - 6 weeks.
- \* Medicate your pet as instructed and complete the whole course.
- \* Stitches will usually be hidden within the skin, but do not let your rabbit chew at the area as they can still cause damage. **Please check the surgery site daily for 4-5 days.**
- \* An Elizabethan collar may be needed if excessive chewing is occurring.
- \* Bandages (if applied) are to be kept dry, clean and odourless. A revisit appointment is necessary in 3 days to check the wound, bandages and / or drains.
- \* Your Veterinarian will advise regarding any post surgery checks that are needed.
- \* Any discharge or swelling must be seen by the Veterinarian.
- \* Watch for urine / faecal output and food and water intake.
- \* Watch for any unusual behaviour of your pet.
- \* PLEASE CALL IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS OR FURTHER QUESTIONS.