

Rabbits

If your pet normally lives outdoors, please keep indoors for at least 48 hours to allow the residual effect from the anaesthetic to wear off and to ensure that they are exhibiting all signs of their normal behaviour.

Your pet should be offered their normal diet unless you have been advised otherwise. If your pet has been reluctant to eat you may be sent home with a special recovery diet and a syringe to feed them with.

If your pet does not resume their normal feeding pattern by the following day, please contact your local surgery for advice.

We would advise you not to use straw, hay or sawdust as bedding until stitches are removed and wounds are fully healed as this could become stuck to the wound and cause irritation or introduce infection. Use clean, shredded paper and change daily. Rabbits and Guinea Pigs should still be offered hay as part of their normal diet.

Please be aware that your rabbit may still be able to impregnate a female for upto 4 weeks post surgery and should not be left with any does in this time period.

Your post-op appointment is in

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Medications:

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Consulting Times

Hillock Lane Surgery

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 7pm

Saturday
8.30am to 1pm



Blackpool Surgery

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 6pm

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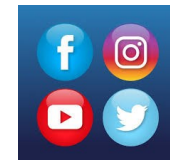
Post-Operative Care

Rowan Veterinary Centre

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Anaesthetic

Your pet has been administered an anaesthetic and therefore may be drowsy for the next 24 hours and as such should not be left unsupervised or be allowed outdoors unsupervised for between 24-48 hours post surgery.

When you collect your pet, you may notice that a small area of hair has been clipped from the leg or neck. This has been done to aid the vet in giving the anaesthetic directly into your pet's bloodstream or to take a blood sample.

Food & Drink

Do not allow your pet to overeat or drink too much for the first 24 hours. A small amount of their normal food or a bland diet is appropriate.

Vomiting can occur after an anaesthetic. However, if this persists after 24 hours, please contact us for advice.

Wound Care

Check the wound daily. There is no need to bathe the wound but it is VERY important that you prevent your pet from licking it. Licking and chewing a wound can quickly damage or infect it. This may lead to your pet needing antibiotics and, if the wound has opened, more surgery may be required to repair it. Special collars, dressings and medical pet-shirts are ways of



preventing this so do ask at the time if you need one, and if your pet has been sent home with one, please do use it.

It is usual to expect some swelling of the scrotum area after castration but please contact the vet if the appearance of the wound changes i.e if it looks red and swollen or starts to discharge.

Other Information

Your pet may also have a slight cough for 2-3 days post surgery. This is normal and is due to a tube being placed into their windpipe to deliver the anaesthetic.

Keep your pet in a warm, draught free environment where they will not be disturbed. Keep other pets and small children away for a few days.

Cat Castrate

We do not routinely check male cats post operatively as there are no sutures to remove. Keep your cat indoors (provide a litter tray) for 48 hours and contact us if you are at all concerned or your pet is not completely back to normal within 24-48 hours.

Cat Spay

Please keep your cat indoors and provide a litter tray, until the sutures are removed in 10 days. You will be invited back for a post-op check at 2-3 days to check how the wound is healing, and again at 10 days with a vet to remove the sutures.



Dog Castrate/Dog Spay

You will be invited back for a post-op check at 3 days to see how the wound is healing and also after 10 days, where any stitches will be removed if necessary. Please keep your dog quiet and confined to lead walks only until after the 10 day check.

Please be aware that your dog may still be able to impregnate a female for 6 weeks post surgery and should not be left with any bitch in season in this time period.

Dental Treatment

If your pet has received dental treatment, there may be some initial blood staining in the saliva. Your pet may require a specific recovery diet or soft food for 2-3 days post-op.