



Post Operative Care for rabbits and guinea pigs

Put them in a quiet, dark and warm place when you get them home. You can also provide a heated pad, like the SnuggleSafe, one that they can't chew and won't leak on them wrapped in a blanket or towel.

They should preferably be kept inside for a few days to avoid drafts and them getting cold.

They may be groggy and uncomfortable so minimal handling is best. Make sure they have constant access to food and water. Keep these in their normal places in the hutch and avoid making any changes to their routine.

As you know rabbits need to be constantly eating to keep their guts moving. They will have been given a medication to stimulate their appetite, however it is important to monitor their eating and pooing for the next few days. They may need regular syringe feeding. If you are worried they have stopped eating or pooing you should contact the practice immediately.

Your rabbit will most likely be uncomfortable for the next few days, however hopefully their pain will be alleviated by medication. You will have been sent home with a pain killer which will have the instructions printed onto a label.

Check their surgical wound once a day to make sure it is clean and dry. Keep a close eye on them to make sure they aren't chewing at the wound or stitches. It is preferable to replace any dusty bedding, like sawdust/straw, with blankets and towels whilst they heal as to avoid any infection.

Buster collars can NOT be used on rabbits as this interferes with their eating. You can now get surgical suits for your rabbit to wear if you are concerned about them or their partner getting to their wound.

If you see anything you are concerned about, like redness, swelling or discharge from the wound, please contact the practice.

If we have asked to see your rabbit back for a post-operative check please book an appointment for this.

We are happy to answer and questions and are always happy to see them back if you are concerned.

If we ask you to send a photo, please email it to leekvets2@hotmail.co.uk
If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the practice
on 01538 373666

For out of hours emergencies please contact Vets Now on 01782 417882