



POST OPERATIVE CARE FOR RABBITS, GUINEA PIGS AND SMALL RODENTS

- ❖ Make sure that your pet has plenty of water and palatable food available at all times. They may be reluctant to eat especially if they have had dental work done. If necessary vegetable baby food can be syringe fed. If they refuse to eat or don't eat well please contact us.
- ❖ In colder weather keep your pet indoors for at least the first 24 hours as the anaesthetic will have lowered their resistance to cold conditions.
- ❖ If your pet has been castrated or undergone surgery involving stitches there may be slight oozing of blood from the wound. The wound should not bleed continuously and if this should happen then you should contact the surgery for advice. You should check your pet's wound at least once a day to make sure it is clean and dry.
- ❖ In warm weather pay special attention to any open or closed wounds as flies may be attracted to the area.
- ❖ If medication is prescribed for your pet it is important that your pet finishes the course or they may not benefit from it. If the medication is in the drinking water remember to give your pet a fresh supply daily.
- ❖ Remember, these small animals can go downhill extremely quickly so if you are at all worried please do not hesitate to contact us. We have Vets/Nurses on call 24 hours a day.