

## **RABBIT SPAY**

Your rabbit has been spayed today. This involves the surgical removal of her ovaries and womb, under sterile conditions. Now that you have her home, the following procedures should ensure she feels more comfortable and aid a speedy recovery.

## FOOD AND WATER

Food and water should be offered as soon as you get your pet home. Feed her usual diet.

## **EXERCISE**

Please keep your rabbit indoors, in the warm, for at least 24 hours. Use a soft bedding rather than hay or straw to minimize irritation to the surgical site. Try to keep her quiet, as sudden movement may put a strain on her stitches. She may well be unsteady on her feet. If your rabbit is still dull, unsteady or not eating after 24 hours, please contact the surgery.

## **STITCHES**

Please keep a careful check that the rabbit leaves the sutures alone.

- □ The stitches need to be removed. Please bring her back for a recheck in 3 and 10 days time.
- □ The stitches will dissolve so do not need to be removed. Please bring her for a recheck in 3 days and 10 days time.
- □ The wound has been closed using tissue glue on the skin. Please bring her in for a recheck in 3 and 10 days time.

If you notice that she has pulled her stitches out, or any problem with the wound e.g. swelling or bleeding, again please contact the surgery.



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