

FOR PAWS CLINIC
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Post Operative Instructions for RABBITS

Your pet has undergone general anesthesia and surgical sterilization. For the well-being of your pet, we recommend the following post-operative instructions be reviewed and followed carefully:

1. Rabbits are not fasted prior to surgery, and eating shortly after anesthesia is important. It is best to keep fresh hay and normal pelleted ration available. If your rabbit has had fresh greens included in their regular diet, please continue to offer small amounts. Most rabbits may have a slightly decreased appetite for one to two days after surgery - this is normal. However, be sure to monitor closely how much your rabbit is eating. If your rabbit is not eating or drinking normally after 48 hours please contact For Paws or if we are not available your regular clinic for advice.
2. Check the incision once daily until healed. In male rabbits a small amount of scrotal swelling may occur and may take 7-10 days to resolve. In females if you notice drainage or swelling at the incision site, contact the clinic or your regular veterinarian. Rabbits do not have external skin sutures at the incision site as the skin is closed with surgical tissue glue (to help prevent chewing and licking).
3. DO NOT give any "over-the-counter" medicines such as aspirin, Motrin or Tylenol. While we do not regularly send home oral pain medications for rabbits, we are attentive to our patients needs. Occasionally a rabbit will need additional post-operative pain control. We encourage you to call the clinic if you have concerns and we include a post-operative recheck with additional injectable pain medications if needed at no additional charge.
4. If you have any questions regarding your rabbit's condition after surgery, please call For Paws Clinic at 510-573-4660. Please keep in mind that we are open limited hours during the week. If you are unable to reach us, your must follow up with your regular veterinarian regarding your concerns. For rabbits, you may consult the "House Rabbit Society" website for a listing of rabbit veterinarians in your area. For any after-hours Emergency, contact Beacon Veterinary Emergency Clinic, 1618 Washington Blvd., Fremont, at 510-657-6620.

*Note: *For Paws Clinic is not responsible for any additional veterinary services or fees.*