



Valley Veterinary Group

'For all creatures great and small'

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Caring For Your Rabbit After An Operation

Following an anaesthetic it is important to monitor your rabbit's recovery carefully. It is advisable to keep him/her inside for the first night. This is because changes in blood pressure and activity can cause loss of body heat and a drop in body temperature. However, it is also important not to let him/her get too hot. If you are unable to keep him/her inside, make sure there is plenty of warm, dry bedding and the hutch is away from draughts. Check your rabbit last thing at night – he/she should be bright and alert with warm ears.

A small area of fur may have been clipped at the site of any surgery or from the ear to allow intra-venous injections.

Rabbits should be encouraged to eat post-operatively. Droppings should be monitored for 2 – 3 days after the anaesthetic. These should be normal, any diarrhoea should be reported to the veterinary surgeon.

If your rabbit has had surgery, check the wound daily and ensure it is clean and dry, not red or swollen. Usually dissolving sutures will be used which are often hidden under the skin.

We will normally check your rabbit 2 – 3 days after his/her operation. However, if you are at all worried, please contact the surgery.