



Rabbit De-Sexing Home Care

What happened today?

Your rabbit has been de-sexed today, which means they have had a general anaesthetic. Their reproductive organs (ovaries and uterus for females; testes for males) have been removed and you will see a small wound on the tummy or groin. This procedure involves internal surgery so therefore they will need some special care for some time afterward to ensure that they recover quickly. Unfortunately our pets do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist with his recovery.

Immediately After

Keeping the gut moving and pain relief are very important parts of post-operative care. As soon as your rabbit was awake after surgery, they have been offered some food. If your rabbit has not eaten as we would expect after the procedure, the team will institute a special feeding plan that you will need to continue at home.

At Home

Your rabbit will need to be kept indoors, in a confined space, until the vet rechecks the wound (usually 7-10 days post-operatively). This is done to ensure that the wound has time to heal properly. Your rabbit should be provided clean water, fresh hay, leafy green vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, celery, spinach leaves or bok choy etc. and a clean litter tray.

Your rabbit will go home with pain relief medication called Meloxicam. Your vet will prescribe and explain the dose needed for your rabbit. These instructions will also be printed on the medication.

Problems

Please let us know if you notice any of the following:

- Your pet stops eating
- Excessive redness or swelling around the surgery site
- Odour
- Bleeding
- Your pet is dull or listless

As this can indicate a problem, we will need to see them as soon as possible.

What next?

We will need to see your rabbit in 7-10 days to check the wound site to make sure it has healed properly. Please see one of our friendly staff to make an appointment.