



CALGARY PET WELLNESS AND SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

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Home Care Instructions: Rabbit spay/neuter

Postsurgical Care

Incision

- Please check the site twice daily for the first week
- If there is any bleeding, discharge or the incision appears to be open, please call us or send a photo to email@calgaryspayandneuter.ca
- It is very important to not allow any licking or chewing as the rabbit can very quickly open the incision. Use a cone or t-shirt if needed

Eating

- It is important that the rabbit eats within 12-24 hours of coming home. If they haven't please call or email
- You can tempt them by offering a small handful of greens such as kale or parsley. Always provide fresh grass hay (Timothy or Orchard). You can also try syringe feeding small amounts of vegetable or fruit based baby food puree, or use a product called Critical Care (available at our office)

Activity

- Your rabbit should be kept quiet to allow the incision to heal. No running, jumping or playing for at least 1 week after the surgery
- Wait at least a week before allowing the rabbit to play outside

Behaviour

- Hormone related behavior problems such as marking territory, not using the litterbox or aggression will usually improve after the rabbit has been spayed or neutered. It will take a few weeks for the hormones to settle down. Please note: male rabbits can still impregnate an unsplayed female for approximately 4 weeks after surgery.

CONTACT US IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR: • Rabbit is chewing at incision • Incision opens up or becomes red, swollen or has a discharge • Rabbit has not started to eat after 24 hours of being home • Stools are mushy or diarrhea is present • No bowel movement within 24 hours • Rabbit is too quiet, depressed or weak or remains in the back of the cage not moving around • If rabbit is in pain (he/she may be hunched over, not wanting to eat and you may hear a loud 'tooth grinding' noise)