

### **Before your pet is admitted....**

- Please ensure your pet receives their normal daily feed and water intake prior to their surgery; unlike cats and dogs it is vital that smaller patients are not starved before an anaesthetic.
- Please bring your pet to the surgery between 8 and 8.30am. Please have a contact number ready to leave with us.
- Please prepare and bring with you a portion of your pet's normal food. The diets we have at the surgery may differ from your pet's normal feed and they may not eat a different diet.

Unless told otherwise, expect your pet to be discharged on the same day. We will contact you with your pet's progress once the procedure has been performed. If however you have not heard from us by 3.30pm, please contact the surgery and at that point we would hope to be able to give you an update on your pet and a possible collection time.

### **Payment**

- We expect full payment for any procedures and medications at the time of discharge.
- To help streamline the discharge process we are taking credit/debit card details at admission.
- Once you have been contacted following the procedure, and advised of cost, we will process your payment.

### **What to expect following your rabbit's surgery**

This is an approximate idea of what to expect when your pet returns home after their surgery. It is only intended as a general guide as each recovery plan is tailored to suit the needs of the individual. When discharging your pet following their surgery or procedure, a nurse will discuss any instructions with you in detail.

Rabbits may have a clipped patch on either one or both ears; this is where we inject the anaesthetic.

When your pet returns home from the surgery they may be sleepy, wobbly and disorientated; this is to be expected following anaesthesia and is nothing to worry about. If your pet normally lives outdoors we recommend that they are brought indoors during colder/frosty weather whilst they are recovering. Please note conservatories are not suitable as they can become very hot in the daytime and very cold at night.

You will be asked to check any wounds daily for signs of swelling, discharge, redness or gaping.

It is vital that your pet is monitored closely to ensure that they are eating, drinking, urinating and defecating. Small animals are very sensitive to anaesthesia and their guts can temporarily slow or stop working.

For this reason, your pet may have been provided with gut motility treatments following their anaesthetic to help their intestinal flow, generally, these are easy to administer and only need to be given for a few days.

Lastly, please be assured that we are contactable by phone 24 hours a day if you are at all concerned about your pet's progress!