



# Rabbit Post-Op Care Instructions

***PLEASE RETURN AT 4:30 PM TODAY TO PICK-UP YOUR PET, UNLESS A STAFF MEMBER HAS INSTRUCTED YOU OTHERWISE. THE CLINIC CLOSSES AT 5:00 PM. PETS LEFT AFTER 5:00 P.M. WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20 LATE FEE, AND MAY TRANSFERRED TO THE DAY AND NIGHT ANIMAL HOSPITAL AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE, SO PLEASE BE ON TIME.***

For the next 7-10 days, keep your pet indoors in a quiet, dry, warm place. You should try to restrain your pet from excessive running and jumping. This may be difficult so please try to monitor activity as much as possible. Do not allow your pet to go swimming or be bathed during this period.

Your pet has received an injection of pain medication. Do NOT give any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) that is not specifically prescribed by a veterinarian to your pet. Human pain medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) can cause serious illness which may kill your pet. You will be given pain medicine which can be started the day *after* surgery. Please give this with food.

Male animals can still produce viable sperm that can impregnate un-spayed females for up to the next 4 weeks. They should be kept away from any un-spayed females so they will not produce offspring.

All female animals should be kept away from un-neutered males for at least 2 weeks to prevent injury from attempted breeding. If your female rabbit was in heat before surgery, she may continue to bleed until her heat cycle has finished.

**FEEDING:** You may offer your pet his/her regular food and water. Please monitor and ensure your rabbit is eating and drinking normally after surgery. If your rabbit has not resumed normal eating the day after surgery, please contact us.

**MONITOR THE INCISION AREA:** Please check your pet's incision area twice a day. Mild redness and swelling can be part of the healing process. You can apply a cool compress to the site to ease the swelling. You will notice green tattoo ink on the incision area of your pet. This will leave a permanent mark to indicate that your pet has been sterilized. Excessive swelling, bruising, or drainage is not normal. You should contact either us or your regular veterinarian to determine treatment. Opening of the incision or excessive bleeding is considered an emergency. You should seek immediate veterinary attention.

Your pet's incision area is held together with tissue glue that will dissolve on its own. You do not have to get any stitches out. If the glue gets wet, it dissolves too quickly. Keep the area dry, and do not allow your pet to lick the incision. Do not bathe your pet or put anything (including Neosporin) on the incision. Do not allow your pet to lay in the rain/mud.

**MONITOR BEHAVIOR:** Persistent appetite loss, vomiting, or diarrhea of more than 2 days is not normal. Contact us or your regular vet. Extreme depression/lethargy or unresponsiveness by your pet is considered an emergency. Please seek immediate medical attention.

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If there is an emergency when we are closed, please contact our supervising veterinarian Dr. Oleson. You can text (preferred) or call (901)440-9328

**Spay Memphis cannot be held responsible for any animals requiring attention after business hours.**

Spay Memphis will provide follow-up treatment Tuesday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery. Call us at (901)324-3202 to schedule a recheck. Please consult your regular veterinarian for illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery.

**Spay Memphis cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from a failure to follow post-op instructions or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.**