

## RABBIT SPAY AND NEUTER POST-OPERATIVE CARE

### **When you return home...**

- Food and a water bottle with fresh water should be available to your rabbit at all times.
- Keep the rabbit in a confined area away from other pets and children for a day. Do not place them in a high place (bed, sofa, etc). Rest and sleep are essential for healing.

### **For the next week...**

- Keep your rabbit on clean newspaper or other bedding for at least a week after surgery.
- Check your rabbit's incision daily. A small amount of redness and swelling is normal. If your rabbit is chewing or licking the incision you can purchase an E-collar from us.
- Make sure your rabbit's eating returns to normal over the next 2-3 days. They may have soft clumped stools for a day or two. Feed hay to get your rabbit eating & defecating.
- Do not wash or clean the incision. Do not bathe or get your rabbit wet for 7 days.
- Keep males and females separated for at least 2 weeks. They may try to breed after surgery.

*Call us to schedule a recheck if you are concerned about your pet's recovery. Any self-inflicted ailments (caused by licking, excessive activity, etc) are at the owner's expense. Any services rendered by outside veterinarians will not be covered by Pro Pet Fix.*

Please call us if:

- Your rabbit is unwilling to move or extremely lethargic.
- Your rabbit is not eating or drinking 24 hours after surgery.
- There is excessive swelling or bleeding at the incision site.

*In the event of a life-threatening emergency when Pro Pet Fix is closed, contact OC Emergency Pet Clinic in La Habra at (714) 441-2925 or Garden Grove at (714) 537-3032.*

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## RABBIT CARE BASICS

### **Diet**

- Most of a rabbit's diet should be grass hay, such as timothy, which keeps the intestinal tract healthy. Unlimited hay should always be available. You may wish to supplement with good quality rabbit pellets (18% fiber) but only 1/8 to 1/4 cup per day.
- Feed your pet fresh, leafy greens daily, such as dark lettuces, collard greens, turnip greens and carrot tops. Do not feed iceberg lettuce.
- Clean, fresh water, dispensed in a bottle or sturdy bowl, should be available 24/7.

### **Habitat**

- The best place to keep your rabbit is indoors. Rabbits can be litter trained.
- Pine or cedar shavings are NOT the best bedding for rabbits. Pelleted litter or hay is best.
- Rabbits need daily exercise, for several hours every day.
- Your bunny needs toys to satisfy his natural urges to dig and chew. Safe chew toys include cardboard boxes or commercially made chew sticks.