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RICHMOND VIRGINIA

Rabbit Discharge Instructions **Feeding** Rabbits should begin eating very soon after their surgery. To help stimulate your rabbit's appetite, you may try offering small amounts of squash flavored baby food. **If your rabbit is not eating by the following day, please call our emergency surgery line to speak to a manager.*

Activity Keep rabbits away from other animals (including other rabbits) for the first 24 hours after surgery. Keep them in a calm, quiet area with plenty of heat. Do not hold or pick up your rabbit after surgery.

Incision Site Keep the incision site clean and dry. Please keep an eye on the incision site, checking it at least once a day. Inspect the incision site the day of surgery so you can note any changes. Some redness and swelling is normal. No bandages are necessary. It is a rare occurrence that a rabbit goes home with an E-Collar. There is no need for ointments or antibiotics. Should the incision need cleaning, do so *gently* and be

sure to *dry thoroughly*.

→ Female Rabbits Will have shaved tummies and dissolvable sutures, so you do not need to return for suture removal.

→ Male Rabbits Have such a small incision that sutures are not necessary. You may notice some bruising (often crimson or fuchsia in color) or minor swelling of the scrotal sac. This is normal and to be expected; the swelling will slowly recede over a couple of weeks.

Medication Your rabbit has received an injectable pain medication which will alleviate any discomfort they may have from the surgery. This will stay in their system for up to 24 hours.

THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET!!!

*Call to report any significant symptoms, for example, unusual **redness, swelling,** discharge, bleeding, or if

your rabbit has not returned to normal eating and activity within 24 hours.

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We offer rechecks free of charge.

**Please note that our facility has limited hours. In case of an emergency during our regular business hours, call 804-359-6369 and press "5". If an emergency occurs when the hospital is not open, and your animal must be seen immediately, please contact your nearest emergency hospital.*

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