**General post procedure care for Small Animals**

Today .......................... has had a general anaesthetic to enable us to carry out procedures or surgery.

**Aftercare:** ................... can be fed his/her normal diet on retuning home, including complete dried diets, fresh greens and water. Hay should always be available.

**Overnight:** During winter months or cold weather it is advisable to keep them inside overnight or until fully recovered from the anaesthetic. When returned to hutches outside, ensure that they are clean and dry. Keep the hutch positioned away from drafts and make sure that your pet has plenty of warm bedding.

**Stitches:** If any stitches are present check the wound daily. Some mild swelling and bruising is common. Only if the wound gets dirty is it necessary to bathe it (use lukewarm water). Try to prevent any licking of the stitches. This could allow infection into the wound and they may even remove the stitches. If the wound opens up and he/she needs an anaesthetic and re-stitching a charge will be made.

**Additionally:** If they are not eating by the following day or you are at all worried please do not hesitate to contact the surgery for further advice.

**Any additional information:**

**Next appointment:**

Your next appointment is on ………..................................... with the vet / nurse.