

## Should I have my rabbit neutered?

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### After the operation

Your rabbit should be able to come home on the same day as the surgery, provided he/she is eating well and passing droppings. Occasionally we need to keep a rabbit in overnight if they are not eating so we can monitor them and give them supportive care.

Your veterinary nurse will explain the postoperative care and pain relief required at a discharge appointment when you come to collect your rabbit.

Once your rabbit is back home:

- Check they are eating and passing droppings:
  - If they are not eating properly and/or they are producing fewer droppings, contact the practice
- Look at the scar and stitches every day:
  - If there is redness, heat, swelling or a discharge, please contact the practice
  - If your rabbit is interfering with the scar, please contact the practice. An Elizabethan collar may be needed but we don't use them on every rabbit, as they can interfere with appetite and eating.

Skin stitches (if applicable) will need to be removed after 10 days, at a re-visit appointment.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

Male rabbits can still have viable sperm for up to 4 weeks after castration and may need to be separated from unneutered females during that time if pregnancy is to be prevented.