



## GUINEA PIG CASTRATION

..... has been castrated today. This involves the surgical removal of his testes, under sterile conditions. Now that you have him home, the following procedures should ensure he feels more comfortable and aid a speedy recovery.

### FOOD AND WATER

Food and water should be offered as soon as you get your pet home. Feed him his usual diet.

### EXERCISE

Please keep your guinea pig indoors, in the warm, for at least 24 hours. Use a soft bedding rather than hay or straw to minimize irritation to the surgical site. Try to keep him quiet, as sudden movement may put a strain on his stitches. He may well be unsteady on his feet. If your guinea pig is still dull, unsteady or not eating after 24 hours, please contact the surgery.

### STITCHES

Please keep a careful check that the guinea pig leaves the sutures alone.

- The stitches will need to be removed. Please bring him back for a recheck in 3 and 10 days time.
- The stitches will dissolve so do not need to be removed. Please bring him in for a recheck in 3 and 10 days time.
- The wounds have been closed using tissue glue on the skin. Please bring him in for a recheck in 3 and 10 days time.

If you notice that he has pulled his stitches out, or any problem with the wound e.g. swelling or bleeding, again please contact the surgery.