## Burghfield Veterinary Surgery

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Small Pets: POST-ANAESTHETIC ADVICE

Your pet will need lots of TLC and observation when they return home from

the surgery. We recommend keeping him/her indoors overnight as he/she will be more susceptible to cold. In addition, he/she may have a reduced appetite so it's really important to ensure he/she is feeding adequately. We can provide a range of liquid diets for syringe feeding if required.

Please follow instructions for medication closely. Syringing the medication by mouth is the best method to ensure your pet has received the required dose. Please check the label to see when the first dose is required.

## Operation Wounds

Small pets are also very nifty at nibbling stitches so please inspect any operation wound regularly (i.e. twice per day). Extra precautions will need to be taken in order to ensure the hutch/cage is clean and the wound doesn't become contaminated. Straw/shavings may stick to the wound and cause infections - our nurses will be able to advise suitable bedding alternatives if required (paper bedding is often a good option.)