

## **POST OPERATIVE CARE SHEET – ANAESTHETESIA AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES FOR SMALL FURRIES**

Your pet has just had an anaesthetic and an operation here at Walker Green Veterinary Surgery. The nurse should have gone through all the details and instructions that you need to know after the operation. We appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to remember all the information you have been given and we have therefore also provided you with post operative instructions that you can refer back to now that you have left the surgery.

### **Feeding for this evening.**

It is very important that your pet has been eating both before and after the surgery to keep their guts moving. This is different advice from the advice given for dogs and cats. Your pet will have already been offered food at the surgery but when they get home encourage them to eat. If they will not eat their normal food, try small amounts of their favourites. If you feel that your pet has not eaten by the morning after the procedure please contact the surgery immediately for advice.

### **Where should they sleep?**

Small furries struggle to keep warm immediately after a general anaesthetic. We therefore advise that after you have collected them from the surgery that they are kept indoors somewhere comfortable, warm and draught free, but do be careful not to make them too warm. Provide them with extra bedding to provide extra insulation!!! Your pet can be returned to their usual cage the following day, unless instructed otherwise by the veterinary surgeon or nurse.

### **Care of surgical wounds.**

In most cases it is difficult for us to provide your pet with a collar to stop them interfering with a surgical wound. That is why we often use stitches hidden under the skin and/or skin glue. Please let us know if the wound is red or discharging. If you are worried in anyway, please call us. We normally check the wound 2 days after surgery, please make an appointment to have this check up.