

# **Rabbit Castrations**

## **Pre-operative information for rabbit castrations**

**Before the procedure we would ask you to read this document carefully** to give you (the owner) the information required for the elected procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries accepted associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

The procedure your rabbit will be having today is called a rabbit castrate. A small area of hair may be clipped on the ear for induction of anaesthesia and hair from around the surgical site. This surgical procedure involves removing both testicles but leaving the scrotum in place. Once this procedure has been performed it cannot be reversed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure (inside or outside of the abdomen)
2. Wound breakdown or infection
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Suture material reaction
6. Risk of injury when handling and on recovery post-operatively. Rabbits are at higher risk of injury to their backs which can lead to permanent paralysis
7. Gut stasis (slowing down or stopping of digestive system)
8. Anaesthetic complication including death

**We take great precautions to minimise these risks to your rabbit.**