

Suture Wound (Stitch up)

Pre-Operative Information for Suture Wound (Stitch up)

Please read this form carefully in conjunction with the consent form you will shortly be asked to sign. This is designed to give you (the owner) as much information as possible for the procedure you have elected. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure or due to the nature of the injury. Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. We will discharge your pet with a buster collar, to be worn at all times, which can help reduce the incidence of post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
2. Wound breakdown partial or complete
3. Wound infection
4. Bruising and swelling
5. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
6. Damage to other structures such as nerves, ligaments and tendons
7. Suture site reaction
8. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
9. Anaesthetic complication including death

We take great precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.