

## **PREPARING FOR SURGERY DAY:**

### **FOOD AND WATER:**

Unlike dogs and cats, rabbits do not need to be fasted before surgery. In fact, fasting can interfere with proper function of their gastrointestinal tracts and may delay recovery from surgery.

Please provide the normal diet and water for your pet up the time they are brought in for surgery.

Please bring along some of your pet's normal diet in plastic bags with your pet's name written on them. Please include any pelleted or dry diet you may be using along with a small amount of favorite fresh foods. You do not need to bring hay as we have a mixed orchard/timothy grass hay on hand that we will offer. However, if your rabbit is on a specific type of hay you prefer for us to use, then please bring along a small quantity.

### **COMPANIONS:**

Rabbits are highly social animals and it can be comforting for them to have a bonded friend with them on surgery day. This only applies to animals that have been living amicably together a month or longer, prior to surgery day. The day of surgery is **NOT** the day to start a new introduction! If a rabbit is living with a group of animals then choose one that you feel will be most suitable to be with the patient on the day of surgery. Providing a buddy is strictly a personal decision based on ease of transportation and whether or not you feel it is in the best interest of your rabbit. It is certainly not required. If you do intend to bring a buddy with the surgical patient, please let the front staff know prior to arriving so we can prepare an appropriately sized cage to accommodate both patient and friend!

### **TWO ANIMALS COMING IN FOR SURGERY FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD:**

If two animals of the same sex are brought in for surgery from the same household, please let us know if they are bonded friends and can be housed together or not.