**Client information**

 **Housing**

* The ANIMAL is stall rested until the stitches are removed.

**Nutrition**

* Hay is reintroduced over a 3 day period, especially on animals that had tension on the body wall during closure.
* Observe for pain when defecating or constipation.

**Hemorrhage**

* Observe animals closely for one hour following surgery for any perfuse bleeding, this observation should be followed by a call to the VET.

**Pain**

* Animals should be monitored during and after the procedure for signs of unnecessary pain, such as vocalization and reluctance to move. Such animals should be treated with a systemic analgesic such as flunixin meglumine. Severe pain warrants the attention of a veterinarian.

**Flystrike**

* The use of a fly repellant is warranted. At least once a day.

**Infection**

* Animals should be monitored for signs of infection in the days following sugery, such as redness, swelling, and discharge.

**Demeanor**

* Is the animal BRIGHT, ALERT and RESPONSIVE