POST OPERATIVE PROTOCOL AND ADVICE TO THE OWNER

- change dressing after two days, when cut surface should be cleaned and checked for residual infection
- foul odour suspicious
- apply new dressing for six days
- surface may then safely be left exposed for granulation and epithelialisation
- rinse wound with water once daily until healing well
- if the skin flap was kept and sutured, remove sutures after 14 days once no sign of infection is indicated

Animal should be kept in dry surroundings, either housed (preferably) or outdoors on dry level ground, during the three week recovery period.