**Follow Up Treatment**

**Tetanus Shot**

A prophylactic shot of tetanus antitoxin MUST be administered at an appropriate dose SQ before the surgical procedure. Small ruminants have been shown to be particularly prone to the toxin produced by *Clostridium tetani.* Deep wounds (such as those made in major surgeries) are of higher risk of infection, since the pathogen is resistant to oxygen and would thrive better intrinsically.

**Systemic Antibiotics**

Upon completion of the surgery, it is suggested that the patient must be given penicillin-streptomycin (Pen-Strep) IM for 5 days post-op. This would significantly reduce the risk of systemic infection of a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria that will negatively impact the health of the recovering patient.

**Cleaning of the surgical wound**

Until the surgical wound is fully healed, it must be thoroughly cleaned to reduce the risk of exogenous and endogenous flora from invading and proliferating, potentially leading to consequent infection.

(See Client Information for directions on Cleaning)