**MONITORING OF PATIENT:**

* Patient observed daily for any signs of infection or poor well-being such as abnormal discharges, excessive ear twitching or head shaking.
* Assess physiological parameters (temperature, pulse rate, respiratory rate) which may be indicative of physical abnormalities/ infection.
* Administering necessary antibiotics and pain relieving medication.
* Applying topical antibiotics such as tetravet and larvicid around the wound to prevent/treat fly infestation.
* Ensure animal is in an enclosed area and under optimum environmental conditions so that appropriate hemostasis can occur for quick healing of the wound.
* The sutures are to be removed between 14 and 21 days post op to allow healing of the skin.
* Look out for any abnormal behavior which may indicate discomfort.