

PRE-OP

Pre-operative instructions

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Pets Name		Owner's Name	
Address			
Procedure			

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- For cats & dogs please **do not** give your pet anything to eat after 8.00 p.m. the night before their procedure and **do not** feed them breakfast on the day of their procedure. However, do ensure that your pet has access to fresh water during this time. It is vital that your pet has no food, including any treats, however small, because they may vomit during the procedure and choke.
- For rabbits, guinea pigs, rats etc: allow food and water up to the time of admission, and bring their water bottle/bowl if possible and some of their normal food.
- Dogs should be taken for a **gentle lead-walk** before you bring them to the surgery so they can go to the toilet. Please avoid walking your dog in a muddy area so that they are as clean as possible when they arrive at the surgery. Dogs must be brought to the surgery wearing a **secure collar and lead**.
- Cats should be kept **indoors with a litter tray** from 8pm the night before their procedure and you should bring them to the surgery in a **secure pet carrier**.
- When you arrive at the surgery your pet will be admitted by a vet nurse who will ask you a few questions and ask you to **sign a consent form**. You must be aged 18 years or over to sign a consent form. You will need to provide us with a telephone number on which we can contact you on the day. **This will take 15-20minutes so please allow enough time**.
- Once admitted, your pet will undergo a **pre-operative health check** with the vet before being given a pre-med injection to help them relax and an injection for pain relief. Once this has taken effect your pet will undergo their procedure. Whilst there is always a degree of risk associated with anaesthesia and surgery, we endeavour to take **all possible precautions** to ensure your pet's safety and well-being.
- If you have any worries about the procedure or your pet's health please mention them at the time of admittance; if you would like your pet's claws clipped/ matted hair clipped/ teeth checked/ etc. then please mention it on admission.
- After most routine procedures animals can be discharged that afternoon/evening. We will usually call you to let you know once they have had their surgery and to arrange a collection time for your pet, or you can ring the surgery after 2pm to check on their progress.
- Following routine procedures a nurse will usually discharge your pet; following more complex procedures you may be asked to book a discharge appointment with the vet.
- Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's procedure.
- **If you are unable to keep your appointment please let us know as soon as possible.**

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PETS



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Pet after an Anaesthetic and/or Surgery

Pre-anaesthetic blood tests:

If your pet is unwell or elderly and needs to undergo a sedation or anaesthetic for a procedure we recommend that a blood test is performed as part of the pre-operative health check.

This blood test provides important information about the health of your pet's internal organs (especially the condition of the liver and kidneys) that cannot be obtained from a physical examination alone. It helps the vet to assess your pet's suitability to undergo the procedure required.

Sedation or anaesthesia involves giving your pet drugs that the body will need to remove in order to recover (wake up) once the procedure is complete. The liver and kidneys play a vital role in this recovery process. If they have a reduced function this could lead to problems both during and after the procedure.

The cost of a pre-anaesthetic blood test can be found on our website for all up to date pricing. You will be asked on your pet's admission whether you would like us to perform this test.

Intravenous fluids

Should your pet's blood results reveal a problem or your pet is undergoing a lengthy or major procedure we may recommend the use of intravenous fluid therapy for a number of reasons

- An anaesthetic or sedation causes your pet's blood pressure to lower. A drip helps to maintain a higher blood pressure and thereby ensure an adequate supply of blood to the vital organs (brain, heart, liver and kidneys).
- If the blood results suggest there may be problems with the kidneys intravenous fluids will help to support them and allow them to perform their normal function better.

The longer an anaesthetic lasts the lower your pet's blood pressure can become. The rate at which intravenous fluids are given can be varied to help maintain a correct blood pressure.

It takes times to go through the consent form so please allow at least 15-20mins to do this

You will be given a time to arrive for your pet's admission please stick to this time, arriving early will not mean you will be seen earlier

The admission process is very important and the person attending needs to be aware of all relevant information to assist the safe completion of any procedure.

If the person who is completing the consent form is not the owner then they can act as the owner's agent but we must have been informed of this in advance and/or the agent bring a letter of authorisation from the owner with them on the day

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK*

***NOTHING IS EVER TOO SILLY OR TOO MINOR TO BE WORTH ASKING US IF IT HELPS YOU OR YOUR PET**

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