



Pre Operative Anaesthetic Instructions

This sheet is to provide you with more information if your pet has been booked for surgery with us involving an anaesthetic.

All pets in our practice are anaesthetised with the safest and most modern veterinary anaesthetic medicines as standard, therefore reducing risks to a minimum. Please expect some areas of your pet to be shaved to allow medication to be administered and monitoring equipment to be used.

To ensure your pet is ready for admission and procedures run smoothly on the day please follow the instructions below, unless specifically told otherwise:

No food should be given after 9pm the night before- a small meal may be given at this time to account for their delayed eating the next day. Water should be available overnight but removed around 7.30am on the morning of the procedure.

Please bring your pet to the surgery between 9am- 9.20am (in most cases you will be allocated a specific slot between these times). Please attend this time promptly.

They should be as clean and dry as possible in preparation for the operating theatre. Please also try and take them to the toilet beforehand. Cats should be confined to the house overnight with access to a litter tray.

You may want to consider opting for a pre-operative blood profile for your pet- performed prior to surgery- to establish any underlying conditions that may affect our choice of anaesthetic and supporting medications. This is particularly recommended in pets over 8 years of age. There is an additional fee for this service.

By law, we must complete a consent form before any anaesthetic or surgical procedures can begin. This needs to be signed by the owner or an agent, over the age of 18, acting on behalf of the owner. This will include requesting a viable contact number where we are able to reach you throughout the day. Again, this can be the number of an agent acting on your behalf. This is important to ensure we can reach somebody to discuss treatment plans or if something unexpected occurs and we require permission to act upon it.

We will use the number given to provide an update and arrange a collection time. A post operative care sheet will be sent to you.

Please be aware your pet may be drowsy after the anaesthetic and so car or similar mode of transportation is advised.

Please note that payment is required when your pet is collected. Discharge may be delayed if fees are not paid on collection.

If you are unable to attend your surgery appointment if it essential that you contact the surgery as soon as possible to avoid charges.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.