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Pre anaesthetic Admission Information

Your pet is booked for the following procedure: _____

On : _____

No one likes the thought of their pet under-going an anaesthetic but there are certain procedures including surgery and dentistry that require anaesthesia. Do not be overly concerned. We use safe anaesthetics and the surgery is monitored by a nurse with a pet specific monitor that measures oxygen levels, heart rate, blood pressure and if required, an ECG.

Pre-anaesthetic blood testing (Additional charges apply)

Pre-anaesthetic blood testing is offered for all dogs and cats undergoing general anaesthesia. This testing is performed in our on site laboratory, usually on the morning of the anaesthetic. There are several tests available depending on your pet's history but routinely we check liver and kidney parameters, blood glucose and protein levels and red blood cell count. Whilst this test is strongly recommended in senior pets it is still beneficial in young healthy pets to obtain your pet's baseline values.

Intravenous fluid therapy (Additional charges apply)

Intravenous fluid therapy is offered for all anaesthetics. It involves administration of saline-type fluids directly into the vein. It is very important in prolonged surgeries and in unwell or geriatric patients. All anaesthetic patients do benefit from IV fluids as they help maintain blood pressure during surgery and assist excretion of anaesthetic from the body.

Pre surgery instructions

- **No food is to be given after 10pm the evening before admission.** Water is allowed until admission.
- **No treats and no cheating - An empty stomach is critical for safe surgery and you are risking your pet's safety if you break this rule.**
- **Surgical patients are admitted to hospital between 8.00 am and 9.00 am** on the day of surgery.
- Allow your pet time to exercise and go to the toilet before being admitted unless otherwise instructed.
- If your pet is taking medication, give the normal dosage at the usual time unless otherwise directed. If your pet is diabetic, please ask the veterinarian for special instructions.

Finally

Be prepared to spend a few minutes with the vet or nurse at the admission appointment. A pre-surgical examination will be performed, pre-anaesthetic blood testing will be discussed and there will be an opportunity to ask any further questions.

You should be provided with a written estimate of the expected fees and other charges that will be incurred. You may request your bill-to-date at any point during your pet's stay.

If you have any questions about our procedures or your pet's condition, please don't hesitate to ask. Last but not least, try not to worry!! Your special pet is in good hands.

Please feel free to telephone the clinic between 2pm and 4pm to see how your pet is progressing.