



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRE - SURGERY HANDOUT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Admit time:

Please notify us if you are running late so that we can keep surgery staff informed. It is important to be punctual.

Procedure:

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.
- You will be given an appointment with the Admit Nurse - Surgical patients are admitted to hospital **between 8.00 am and 9.00 am on the day of surgery.** Please notify us if you are running late so that we can keep surgery staff informed. It is important to be punctual.
- 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.

It is important that you read this - The admit nurse will discuss all this information with you

INTRAVENOUS FLUID THERAPY

NOTE: this may be an additional charge - please check your estimate

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

PRE-ANAESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING

NOTE: this may be an additional charge - please check your estimate

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

FINALLY

Be prepared to spend 10 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 or may be incurred. You may request your bill-to-date at any point during your pet's stay, and if you have any issues regarding payment on the day, please talk to Reception straight away **BEFORE the surgery.**

If you have any questions about our procedures or your pet's condition, please don't hesitate to ask. Our friendly team will be more than happy to help - call Shepp on 58213188 or Kialla on 58231202

Last but not least, try not to worry!! Your best friend is in good hands.