



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRE - DENTAL 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- DENTAL 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 - Dental patients are admitted to hospital **between 8.00 am and 11.00 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. *Be prepared to spend 10 minutes with the vet or nurse at the admission appointment.*

Due to the non sterile environment of the procedure, surgeries are conducted after sterile procedures, therefore discharge may occur between 5pm and 6pm, which will be confirmed on the day.

- 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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED - PLEASE CHECK YOUR ESTIMATE

- Health check and dental assessment
- General Anaesthetic with advanced monitoring
- Day stay in hospital including full nursing care
- Scale and polish
- Extractions as required with local anaesthetic and nerve blocks
- Take home pain relief (if required)
- Free post dental recheck
- Post procedure advice on oral care and nutrition

OPTIONAL EXTRAS - INTRAVENOUS FLUID THERAPY

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.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS - PRE - ANAESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING

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. For more information - see over page

DENTAL X-RAYS

Only 25% of dental problems are visible. A whopping 75% is evident using x-rays and probes, which we highly recommend

FINALLY

A pre-surgical examination will be performed, and you will be provided with a written estimate of the expected fees and other charges that will be or may be incurred. In the event of unanticipated circumstances arising, you will be contacted.

If you have any issues regarding payment on the day, please talk to one of our friendly receptionists BEFORE the procedure.

We will contact you regarding your pet's recovery and arrange a discharge time with you. Please don't hesitate to ask our friendly team, who will be more than happy to help - call Shepp on 58213188 or Kialla on 58231202