

**\*\*\* Please ensure your pet has been starved for 12 hours prior to its anaesthetic\*\*\***

**\*\*\*DO NOT withhold water\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Cats must be kept inside the night before the anaesthetic\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Please ensure your dog has been out to the toilet \*\*\***

<b>Pets name:</b>	
<b>Date of procedure:</b>	
<b>Time of admission:</b>	



### What to expect

Your pet will be admitted by a Veterinary Nurse who will go through the consent form with you, confirm contact details and gain a signature from you. Feel free to ask any questions you may have. Please note: it is important for us to know if your pet is on any medication and when it was last administered, so please have this information available. If your pet requires this medicine during their stay, please also bring this with you. At this appointment the nurse will confirm further options for your pet (if your veterinary surgeon has not advised you of this already). These are:

1. **Pre-operative blood test:** This blood test can tell us a lot about your pet's general health and will highlight any abnormalities that may affect your pet during or after their general anaesthetic. It examines liver and kidney function and can tell us about infection, inflammation and how well hydrated your pet is. We test this sample on-site and offer this test for any dog or cat having a general anaesthetic. We especially recommend this for animals over 8 years old. This blood test can be taken within one week of the planned anaesthetic and can be taken by one of our veterinary nurses during a normal appointment. The results are examined by a veterinary surgeon before the procedure takes place. The vast majority of fit and healthy animals display normal test results. The vet will call you should any abnormalities be highlighted. The cost for obtaining and testing the blood is £75.65\*.
  2. **Intravenous Fluid Therapy (drip):** A small catheter or tube is placed into your pet's front leg vein to supply them with fluids during their anaesthetic and recovery. During an anaesthetic your pet's blood pressure can reduce slightly and this drop can put extra strain on their organs. A drip helps to maintain hydration and blood pressure throughout the anaesthetic and aids a more rapid recovery from the anaesthetic. The cost for this intravenous fluid therapy is £84.00\*.
- After admission your pet will be taken through to the wards and settled into our accommodation with a nice comfy bed. Your pet will be given a full health check by the veterinary surgeon and given a pre-medication. The pre-medication will help relax your pet and includes pain relief.
  - A short while later your pet will be given their general anaesthetic. Your pet will have an intravenous catheter placed into the vein in their front leg. The anaesthetic induction agent is injected via this catheter by a vet. The anaesthetic agents we use are considered to be the safest available and meet the "Gold standard" for veterinary anaesthesia. Once the anaesthetic injection has been administered your pet will be sleepy enough to have an endotracheal tube passed into their windpipe to deliver oxygen and anaesthetic gases, it's this that maintains their anaesthetic throughout the procedure. A veterinary nurse will closely monitor the anaesthetic using an array of modern anaesthetic equipment and record all relevant parameters.
  - Once the procedure is completed your pet will recover from the anaesthetic in a quiet kennel under close observation. Once awake your pet will continue to be observed, offered water & food, given a litter tray or walked outside to encourage them to urinate and defaecate. The kennel nurse will call you (usually between 12pm-3pm) to update you on your pet and arrange a convenient home time depending on their recovery and treatment. If you have not received a phone call by 3 pm please ring the practice. If your pet is having their procedure in the afternoon you will receive a phone call at approximately 4-5pm. On some occasions your pet may need to stay in with us overnight. You will be advised of this should it be necessary.

## The risks involved with general anaesthesia:

In general anaesthesia, adverse reactions are rare. Before any anaesthetic procedure takes place, your pet will have a full health examination and, where appropriate, a pre-anaesthetic blood test. In a fit and healthy animal the risks are minimal. The very young, very old and very sick animals have a slightly greater risk. Each patient undergoing an anaesthetic will be individually assessed according to their health and circumstances. You will be advised throughout and allowed to make informed decisions about your pet's treatment. We will discuss any anxieties you may have before any procedure takes place. Our highly trained clinical team use the most modern, safe and up to date equipment to ensure you pet receives the best possible care throughout their stay.

## At your pet's discharge appointment, you will receive:

1. Full discharge from a Veterinary Nurse explaining the procedure undertaken and the aftercare required.
2. A post-operative recovery form highlighting the points mentioned.
3. A fully itemised invoice of your pet's treatment. This will be explained to you.
4. A follow up appointment (if required) to view your pets progress.
5. A post-operative recovery diet (a light, turkey and rice-based diet).
6. Any medication required. This will be fully labelled and explained to you.



## Other information:

- Your pet may be drowsy from their anaesthetic. It is important that cats remain indoors for 48hrs (or as advised) and dogs are toileted on the lead for an advised period of time.
- Your pet will come home with some light recovery food, it is not advisable to feed your pet their normal diet after the anaesthetic. If you wish to feed your pet something different we advise chicken, white fish or scrambled egg and rice. Be aware your pet may not be interested in their food that night. They have been through a lot that day!
- Your pet may have a small dressing on their front leg, where their IV catheter was placed. This should be removed 1 hour after discharge.
- **If your pet has a wound it is vital they DO NOT lick at it. A buster collar is usually the best way of avoiding this. The nurse will advise you on this at discharge and you can purchase one from us if necessary.**
- We provide a 24-hour emergency service so if you are concerned about anything, however trivial, please contact the surgery.

**Please note: Ensure you are contactable throughout the day of the procedure. The Veterinary Nurse will confirm a contact number with you on admission. All fees are payable at time of collection.**

\*Prices effective from February 2018 and are subject to change.

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