

Pre-Operative Instructions

Please go to the rear of the building via the left-hand side of the practice, ring the doorbell and a nurse will admit your pet from here.

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

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

- They should be as clean and dry as possible (a quick shampoo the previous day helps!) in preparation for going into an operating theatre.
- No food should be given after **8pm** the evening before surgery. Water should be available overnight and taken away by **7.30am** on the morning of admission.
- Please take your dog out for a short walk in the morning to empty the bowels and bladder. Cats should be kept in overnight and provided with a litter tray.
- Please bring your pet to the surgery with a suitable collar and lead or in a suitable escape proof basket.
- If you have insurance you may wish to make a claim, if so, our insurance administrator will happily complete and send off the claim payable to you, with a small fee for doing so. Payment on the day will still be necessary.
- Microchipping; this is a permanent method of identification for your pet and this can be done whilst they are undergoing their Anaesthetic for a pain and stress-free microchip, please mention to the nurse at the time of admit if you would like this done. The cost of microchipping is £20.21.

You may want to consider having a pre-operative blood profile performed immediately prior to surgery, to establish any underlying conditions (such as diabetes, kidney/ liver problems) that may affect our choice of anaesthetic/ treatment. We especially recommend this for pets 7 years of age and older. The cost of this is **£37.81**.

If you do not use a monthly treatment for the prevention of lungworm in dogs, we would recommend a lungworm snap test prior to surgery. Lungworm can cause abnormal bleeding and therefore can cause complications during surgery. The cost of this test is **£20.64**

We will require a contact number where we can contact you **all** day, or if you are unavailable, an agent who can act on your behalf. We require this number just in case we need to speak to you about treatment, or we find something unexpected and need your permission to act upon it.

Please phone the surgery between the hours of **2-2.30pm**. We will then be able to tell you how your pet is and at what time he/ she will be ready for collection.

After a general anaesthetic your pet may be drowsy and we advise you to collect your pet by car or some other means of transport.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOUR PET IS COLLECTED.

Patient Pre-operative Questionnaire

General

1. Contact numbers where you **will** be all day 1)2)
2. Are you clear about the operation and what is being done? Yes / No
3. Have you been given an estimate for costs? Yes / No
if no, would you like one? Yes / No
4. Is your pet insured? Yes / No

5. Patient Details

6. Do you require a pre-operative blood test **£36.76** (detailed above) Yes / No
7. Do you require a pre-operative lungworm test **£20.64** Yes / No
(When was their last preventative treatment for lungworm?)
8. Has your animal been starved (from 8pm the night before)? Yes / No
9. Has there been any change in the condition since they were last seen by a Vet? **(please detail at bottom of page)** Yes / No
10. Are they on any current medication? **(please detail at bottom of page)** Yes / No
11. Are there any known allergies (especially to medications or anaesthetics)? **(please detail at bottom of page)** Yes / No
12. Does he/she have any known medical conditions i.e. epilepsy, heart problems, diabetes etc? Yes / No
13. If a lump is being removed, do you require histopathology 1-3 samples **(£89.88)** Yes / No
14. Would you like us to clip their claws (Free of charge) Yes / No
15. Is he/she up to date with vaccinations? Yes / No
16. Is he / she microchipped? Yes / No
If not, would you like us to do it today? **(£20.21)** Yes / No
17. What food does your animal prefer? Wet / Dry
18. Entire bitches when was their last season?
19. Do you consent to staff taking photographs of your pet for training, learning, and promotional purposes. (We may upload the photo to Facebook or our website) Yes / No

Post-operative

20. Would you like to purchase a RCW recovery pack (3 X cans for dogs **£8.76**, 4 x pouches for cats **£4.75**) Yes / No
21. Do you require a buster collar or pet medical shirt **(please indicate which one)** Yes/ No
(We recommend that all animals with a wound are discharged with one to prevent self-mutilation. If you have a collar or shirt, please bring it with you on the morning of the operation.)