



# Pre Operative Instructions

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 below, unless specifically told otherwise.

Please bring your pet to the surgery at the appointment time we give you, on the morning of the operation. They should be as clean and dry as possible, as they will be going into an operating theatre.

For animals under 6 months of age, they should be fed normally the day before surgery and on the morning of their surgery they should be given a small meal, about 1/3 of their normal portion size, at around 6.30am. Water should always be available.

For animals over 6 months of age, NO food should be given after 10pm the evening before surgery. Water should always be available.

This is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** and if not adhered to may lead to the operation being postponed.

Please keep your pet confined to the house overnight with access to a litter tray, if applicable.

Before any anaesthetic or surgical procedures can begin we must, by law, have a consent form completed. This will need to be signed by the owner or an agent acting on the owner's behalf, but they must be over the age of eighteen.

You may want to consider your pet having a pre-operative blood profile done immediately prior to surgery, to establish any underlying conditions that may affect our choice of anaesthetic. We especially recommend this for pets over 7 years of age.

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

Please phone the surgery between the hours of 2-3pm. We will then be able to tell you how your pet is and at what time your pet will be ready for collection. A post operative care sheet will be given to you on collection.