



# Pre Operative Instructions for rabbits and guinea pigs

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

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

Please bring them 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.

Your pet's diet shouldn't change for the week or so before the operation. They should NOT be starved before surgery as they cannot vomit, and starving can make them weak and cause complications. On the day feed your pet their normal diet of hay, pellets, leafy greens and water. This is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** and if not adhered to may lead to the operation being postponed.

It is also asked that you bring some of your animals normal and favourite foods into the practice with them as this can help encourage them to eat after surgery.

Bring your pet to the practice in a secure cat carrier lined with towels or blankets, avoid straw or sawdust bedding. But some of their hay into the carrier with them so they can eat on the way.

If your pet has a bonded partner/s please bring them all together on the day of the surgery. They will all be kept together all day, apart from during the procedure, as this helps to keep them clam, keep the bond strong and helps them to recover quicker.

Before any anaesthetic or surgical procedure 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 eighteen or over.

We will require a contact number where we can reach you on all day, or if you are unavailable an agent who can act on your behalf.

We aim to update you on your pets condition before 3pm on the day of the procedure. However, we can become busy with emergencies so if we haven't contacted you please contact us between 2-3pm. We will be able to tell you how they are and at what time they will be ready for collection.

A post-operative care sheet will be given to you when you collect from the surgery.