

Pre-Operative Advice for Dogs and Cats

Your pet is booked in for a surgical procedure/investigation:

On

Admission Time

Procedure

Estimate

***** Please read the following instructions carefully, it contains important information in regards to your pets care. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these points further, please do not hesitate to call the surgery on 01743 360614 ******

On the day of admission

Make sure your pet has been starved of food from 11pm the evening prior to the procedure.

- Drinking water should still be made available for your pet.
- Please make sure your pet has had the opportunity to pass urine/faeces before they come to us.
- It is important that your pet is clean before elective surgery. Ideally, if you can, please bathe your pet the day before.
- Some fur will have to be clipped from your pet to allow for sterile surgical areas, blood tests and intravenous fluids as necessary.
- You will have been given an admit time with the nurse. Please allow between 10/15 minutes for this procedure as we need to go through the consent form with you.
- Please check the details on the consent form are correct and up to date and that we have a contact number for you on the day.
- If your pet has any allergies or special dietary requirements then please make the nurse aware of these on the day. It's a good idea to bring your pets normal food in on the morning of the procedure, so we can encourage them to eat after they have recovered.
- You may also want to consider bringing a toy, blanket and /or bed to help them feel more at home during their stay.
- Your pet will have to go home with either a Cone or Pet Shirt to prevent interference with their wound, so please specify which one you would like during the admission consultation.
- A discharge appointment will be arranged with you on the day, sometime after 3pm.
- All patients that arrive at the practice must be in safe and appropriate transport. Cats must be in a safe and secure carrier and dogs must be on a secure lead. Extendable leads are not advised.

Preoperative Bloods - General Health Profile (GHP)

What is it?

The idea of preoperative bloods is to give us a general idea of your pet's health. It will test the body's major organs as well as the body's blood components. It is what we call an 'In House test,' meaning that we have the equipment to test this at the practice, getting the results within 15/20 minutes. We tend to recommend this test in older patients (over 8 years of age) however for peace of mind we do offer it to all our patients.

What does it test exactly?

We will run two tests. One called a Hematology test and the other called a Biochemistry test. Hematology is the study of blood and blood disorders and can test a variety of things such as anemia, infection, blood clotting factors, inflammation and more.

Biochemistry is the study of chemical processes and substances that occur in our body and helps to test the function of the major body organs, such as the kidney and liver.

Why do Preoperative Bloods?

Unfortunately all anaesthetics carry a risk to our patients, although the risk is very minimal. By doing preoperative bloods we can help to detect any early signs of disease and help put measures in place to protect the body's major organs before we carry out the anaesthetic.

Intravenous Fluids (IV Fluids)

In some cases we might recommend your pet goes on IV Fluids, especially if your pet is older, unwell, or has a pre-existing medical condition.

Why are they beneficial?

Anaesthesia depresses our body's functions, such as heart rate and blood pressure. Usually young fit animals can cope well with this. However older or medically compromised patients don't cope as well, IV fluids will help to support and protect the patient's major organs. If your pet goes on IV Fluids then we will arrange a later collection time so they can have the full benefit of the fluids.

Laser Therapy

In most surgical cases we will offer Laser Treatment. This is a non-invasive method to help accelerate tissue regeneration and healing as well as helping to reduce inflammation. It is very successful in helping to promote healing post surgery.

Post Operative Food Package

Sometimes anaesthetic can cause your pets to have an upset tummy, we advise a special gastrointestinal food that is nice and gentle on your pets stomach for a few days after.

Pricing

Preoperative Blood Testing (GHP) £75.00

Intravenous Fluids £85.00

Laser Therapy Treatment £12.00

Post Operative Food Package £6.00

Please note - Payment is due on the collection of your pet, Thankyou.