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Pre-operative instructions for your dog

Your cat has been booked for _____ on _____

All pets in this practice are anaesthetised with the safe and modern veterinary anaesthetics as standard, to minimise anaesthetic risk. 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 dog is ready for admission, and procedures run smoothly on the day please follow the following instructions unless specifically told otherwise.

Please bring your dog to the surgery at _____am on the morning of the operation. Your dog should be as clean and dry as possible in preparation for going into an operating theatre.

No food should be given after 8pm the evening before surgery. Water should be available overnight.

Please take your dog out for a short walk in the morning to empty the bowels and bladder.

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 dog having a pre-operative blood profile performed immediately prior to surgery, to establish any underlying conditions that may affect our choice of anaesthetic. We especially recommend this for pets over 8 years of age. There is an extra charge for this service.

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 up on it.

Please phone the surgery between the hours of 1-2pm. We will then be able to tell you how your dog is and at what time your pet will be ready for collection.

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

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

Please note that payment is required when your pet is collected.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the surgery.

In an **emergency outside of normal hours** please call **01450 372038** to talk to an on-call member of our vet team