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Pre Operative Instructions for Dogs

Please read the following instructions in preparation for your dog's procedure. If you have any queries or concerns, or need to change your appointment, please contact us as soon as possible.

- It is very important that your dog has nothing to eat after 6pm on the evening preceding their procedure. Water should be available overnight but taken away by 7:30am on the morning of admission. Food and water will be provided following their procedure. They should be as clean and dry as possible and have been walked prior to their admission appointment (to empty the bladder and bowels).
- At your admission appointment a nurse will briefly go through the details of the procedure and ask you to read and sign a consent form, as well as provide us with contact details for the day, and when any current medications have been given. The consent form must be signed by the owner or someone acting on the owner's behalf, but they must be over the age of 18. Please bring your dog to this appointment on a lead or in an appropriate container.
- It is important to understand that there are some risks involved in all anaesthetic techniques and procedures. We perform a full physical examination before administering an anaesthetic, but there are some conditions that cannot be picked up on examination alone. Please expect some areas of your pet to be shaved to allow medication to be given and monitoring equipment to be used.
- In addition to physical examination a **Pre-Anaesthetic Screen blood test** can help identify any previously un-identified organ dysfunction that could affect the risk of anaesthesia/sedation. This is particularly recommended for **older animals** (over 6 years old). If problems are detected then the procedure may be postponed or extra supportive measures undertaken to minimise risk (e.g. intravenous fluid therapy). The cost of the Pre-Anaesthetic Screen blood test is £42.50 inc VAT. You will be asked if you wish for this test to be performed at your admission appointment and it will be carried out that morning.
- Many pets are able to go home later in the afternoon on the same day as their procedure, generally between 3-6pm. An appointment to collect will usually be arranged by the nurse at the time of admission. Occasionally you may be advised your animal needs to stay in the hospital overnight for observation or further treatment. 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. We will provide post-operative instructions to help you care for your pet once they are back home with you.

Please note payment for work done is due at the time of collection