

# PRE-ANAESTHETIC INSTRUCTIONS

## Last Meal:

Your pet may have a meal the night before surgery, **please ensure that it is all taken away by 7 pm that evening, and give water only from this time onwards.** Do not give milk. Eating before anaesthetic can compromise the safety of your animal.

The above applies to cats and dogs only.

## **Pocket pets, birds and reptiles require food up until admission.**

**Please bring food in with your pocket pet, bird or reptile for them to eat after the procedure.**

Please ensure your pet is kept inside overnight once fasting has commenced. This prevents scavenging or hunting. Cats should be provided with a litter tray, and dogs should be accompanied whilst toileting.

## Toileting:

Please toilet your pet before bringing it to the clinic.

## Cleaning:

For Dog speys or neuters, we recommend bathing or brushing them the night before to ensure they are clean and free from dirt or debris, this can help reduce the likelihood of infection or excessive itching post-surgery.

## Warning:

**DO NOT GIVE BREAKFAST ON THE MORNING OF SURGERY. PLEASE REMOVE WATER IN THE MORNING, AND DO NOT GIVE ORAL MEDICATION UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY THE VET.**

## Drop off and collection:

Please bring your pet to the clinic in the morning between **8.15 am and 8:30 am** – unless otherwise instructed. If this proves difficult, please advise a member of staff and arrangements can be made to suit.

In most cases, your pet will be ready for collection the same day between the hours of 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. A member of our team will arrange a pickup time with you.

## Pre-operative consent:

You will be asked to sign a pre-operative consent form when your animal is dropped off. This is a legal requirement. Please ensure you read this form carefully. Should you wish further information regarding your pet's treatment, please ask.

## Payment:

Payment is required in full at the time of collection. 50% of the estimate must be paid at drop-off before the procedure is started. Payment by credit card, EFTPOS, afterpay, or cash.

24-hour cancellation notice for a booked surgery is required\*.

Non-attendance will be charged at the price of a full consult fee.

\*Cancellations without 24hrs notice due to certain circumstances at our discretion.

If you have any concerns regarding your pet's suitability for surgery please give us a call and ask to speak to one of the nurses.

**Pre-anaesthetic blood testing** for all pets is highly recommended on the morning of your pet's procedure to check kidney and liver function before their anaesthetic. This is done on the morning of their procedure by our nurses on our in-house blood test machine. Testing for pets over 6 years of age is strongly advised and something we request due to the increased anaesthetic risks.

### Other procedures:

Other procedures that you may want your pet to receive while under anaesthetic that can be done at the same time include:

- Anal glands expressed
- Microchip + Registration
- Flea & worm treatment
- Nail clip

Let us know if you would like these done.