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PRE OPERATIVE INFORMATION SHEET

Withholding Food

Please withhold food from 8pm the night before the procedure. This is a safety precaution as regurgitation of stomach contents during an anaesthetic can increase the risk of pneumonia and oesophageal complications. Please take water away first thing on the morning of the procedure and make sure they don't have access to any food. For cats, this generally means they should be kept inside the night before their procedure. Please give dogs a short walk, before bringing in, to give them the opportunity to toilet.

Admission

Unless you have been given a specific pre-operative appointment time with a veterinarian, please bring your pet in between 8.30 – 9.30am. They will be admitted by one of the nursing staff and you will be asked to sign an anaesthetic or surgical consent form. Please allow 20 minutes for the admittance process to be completed. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ask. You may be required to arrange a discharge appointment (see discharge below).

Pre Anaesthetic Blood Test

On the consent form there is an option for a pre anaesthetic blood test. This test checks kidney and liver function that is important for coping with an anaesthetic. If this test is normal then the vet will go ahead with the procedure. If the test is abnormal the vet may wish to contact you to discuss if additional treatment is required. This test can be beneficial in any animal but we strongly recommend it in any animal over 8 years of age.

Discharge

Most animals are able to go home after 4pm. We ask if you can call before this time to confirm that your pet is ready to go home. For routine procedures, a nurse will generally discharge your pet. For non-routine procedures the vet may wish to speak with you. In these instances, at the time of admission, the receptionist may ask if we can arrange a discharge appointment time. At discharge you will be offered an Elizabethan Collar to prevent your pet from interfering with the surgical site. This is something we strongly recommend for all animals. You will be asked to settle the account at the time of discharge.

Heartworm and Fleas

If your animal is not on heartworm prevention we also recommend a heartworm test. Heartworm infection increases the risk of anaesthetic complications.

If fleas are found on your pet a Capstar Tablet will be administered on admission. Capstar is a safe, inexpensive, effective flea treatment. Fleas can increase the chances of surgical infections.

Estimates and Payment

We will provide an estimate of costs whenever we can, however some procedures may be more involved than expected and therefore charges may vary. An estimate is valid for 1 month. Payment is due and payable upon your pet's discharge. If paying by direct deposit, please see reception on **admission** of your pet.

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding your pet's procedure.

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