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## **PRE OPERATIVE INFORMATION SHEET**

For current protocol for Covid 19 please go to [www.brunkerroadvets.com.au](http://www.brunkerroadvets.com.au)

### **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 time, please bring your pet in between 8.00 – 9.30am. Please call our reception on 49572269 when you arrive. While you remain in your car, one of our nursing staff will go through the admission process over the phone with you. They will then ask that you bring your pet to our front door, where your pet will be admitted. Please allow 20 minutes for the admittance process to be completed. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Pre-Anaesthetic Blood Test**

For all surgical / hospital procedures, 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.

### **Surgery**

Our surgical / hospital procedures are performed between 10am and 5pm. The order is determined on the day. Please call our reception if you have not heard from us by 5pm.

### **Discharge**

Most animals are able to go home after 5pm. We will contact you once your pet is in recovery and organise a suitable discharge time. For routine procedures, a nurse will generally discharge your pet. For non-routine procedures the vet may wish to speak with you. 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 prior to discharge over the phone.

### **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. All payments are to be made over the phone prior to discharge.

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