



# PRE-OPERATIVE PREPARATION

Your pet has been booked in for a procedure with us. Please take time to read the following guidelines in preparation for their visit. If your pet is on medication or has a pre-existing condition, e.g. diabetes, then please speak to a vet before booking, as their pre-operative instructions may vary. If we have not seen your pet within the last 6 months, please book in for an appointment with a vet so we can discuss the procedure with you, prior to admission.

If you have any questions about the procedure that your pet is having, please call us before the day of the procedure or book an appointment.

## The Night Before

- Please feed your dog or cat a small meal around 9-10PM.
- No food is to be given after 10PM and no breakfast in the morning.
- DO NOT withhold water overnight.
- Please ensure your pet is clean and avoid an early muddy walk, especially if they are having a surgical procedure! Bathe them if they are already dirty.
- DO NOT withhold food or water if you have a small furry (e.g. rabbit, guinea pig etc).
- It is advisable to keep cats indoors the night before, with a litter tray, to ensure they are present in the morning and ready to be brought to us.



## The Morning of the Procedure

- Take up the water in the morning.
- Take your dog out to toilet (unless told otherwise by the vet)
- Please bring some of your pet's own food with them, especially if they are on a special diet or have any known allergies.
- DO NOT withhold food or water if you have a small furry (e.g. rabbit, guinea pig etc) and please bring in some of their normal food and treats with them. Please also let us know if they drink from a bowl or bottle.
- We also offer, or may recommend, some additional testing for older cats. These can include blood pressure testing, thyroid levels, or pro-bnp for possible underlying heart issues. Please discuss this with your case vet, before the day of the procedure, if you feel these apply to you.



## During the Day

The Vet will call you once your pet is waking up from their procedure. We like to keep them hospitalised until we are happy that they are fully awake and their pain is well-controlled.

We will arrange a collection time with you. Typically, this will be between 3pm and 6pm.

- Please arrive on time for your discharge appointment. During this appointment, the duty nurse will go through the discharge instructions and any post-operative medications.
- Please book in your post-op checks as instructed by the vet/nurse.

See contact details  
below

