

PREANESTHETIC CARE INSTRUCTIONS

If your pet is scheduled to have an anesthetic or sedation please read and follow the described instructions.

While no procedure or anesthetic can ever be guaranteed safe, by following these instructions you help us to make your pet's visit as smooth and safe as possible.

1. If your pet has been unwell or their condition has deteriorated before admission please let us know.
2. Please do not give your dog or cat food after 8pm (for morning surgeries) or midnight (for afternoon surgeries) the night before admission. This includes treats. If your pet is diabetic, juvenile or an exotic species, please call our office for specific instructions, as these patients require different protocols.
3. If your pet is currently receiving daily medications, please call our office for special instructions regarding those medications prior to anesthesia.
4. Please leave water available for your pet until the morning unless you have been specifically advised not to.
5. Please take your dog for a walk on the morning of admission to empty their bladder and bowel. This helps prevent, any accidents, while they are under general anesthetic.
6. Please ensure your pet is clean, if you regularly bathe your pet; please do so in the days prior to surgery.
7. Cats should be kept indoors with a litter tray the night before admission so that you can be sure they have not been out hunting overnight (and to ensure they are actually around when the cat carrier comes out in the morning!)
8. Please ask for an estimate of costs if one has not already been given to you at booking.
9. Pre anesthetic bloodwork will be discussed at the time of admission. We recommend routine blood tests (CBC and blood chemistry) on every anesthetic patient to check their organ function and for any underlying unknown problems.