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## Pre-Operative Information for your pet

### Q. What do I do to prepare my pet for surgery, or a procedure?

- **Clean & dry pets.** Consider washing your pet in the days leading up to surgery, as this will help with the sterility of surgery.
- **Fasting.** 12 hours for food. This is important for the safety of the anaesthetic.
- **Water** is allowed up until you bring your pet in to the clinic on the day of surgery
- Please try to **toilet your pet** before they are admitted
- If your pet is on **ongoing medication** or supplements please check if these should be given as normal, or withheld on the morning of surgery
- Please always bring dogs in **on leads** & cats in **in carriers**. This is for the safety & comfort of your pet, & all other pets.

### The “paperwork” side of things:

- Please allow 10minutes for **admission** of your pet, so we can ask pre-operative questions & address any questions you may have
- **Estimates** of costs will be given, however these are estimates only as it can be impossible to pre-plan & foresee all needs at the time of surgery. We will contact you during the procedure if significant additional cost needs to be discussed

Estimated cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please be contactable during the day, we will confirm **phone numbers** on admission
- If someone else drops your pet off for surgery, they must be willing & able to **sign consent forms** for the procedure

- **We are not a 24hour clinic**, so in general all patients must be collected before the clinic closes each evening.
- **Full payment** is required on discharge of your pet



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**Q.**

**What will happen on the day of surgery?**

- A **clinical exam** will be performed by the attending vet
- Pre-operative **blood & urine** samples may be recommended, or required
- **Pre-medication** is given, which helps to relax patients, and starts the pain relief nice and early
- An **IV catheter** will be placed (so your pet will have a shaved patch of hair on one or more of their limbs)
- Patients are placed **on a drip** for the duration of their surgery, and **monitored closely** by vet & nursing staff (& monitoring equipment!) throughout their procedure.
- Once your pet has recovered from the anaesthesia we will contact you with an update, including confirming a **discharge time** (which is usually late afternoon)

**Some things to note...**

- Please note that there are often multiple procedures performed at the clinic every day. These are ordered depending on the type of surgery, surgical facilities

required, & urgency of the condition. There can also be unexpected & urgent cases that occur, which can change the order or timing of pre-planned procedures. This means **your pet may have their procedure performed at varying times throughout the day**. Rest assured we will do our best to keep them comfortable, relaxed & monitored throughout the day - including before their procedure even commences.

- Please be aware that clipping is an essential part of sterile surgery, & required for ultrasound procedures. **Large areas of your pet's coat may need to be clipped.**
- Please be aware that surgery sites can sometimes seem lot larger than first expected. For example if we are removing a lump we must take margins all around that lump.

*We look forward to caring for your pet. From the vets and nurses at Eastern Hills Vet Centre.*