



# The Veterinary Centre



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## Bringing Your Pet For Surgery

### Before your pets procedure

It is very important that your pet hasn't eaten before being given an anaesthetic. This means you will need to starve your cat or dog from 7pm the night before he or she is to be admitted for a procedure. You may allow them access to water overnight but no other liquids are allowed. Cats must be kept indoors to ensure they haven't had access to food elsewhere.

Rabbit, guinea pigs and small furrries should not be starved and must be allowed access to food and water at all times. If you are unsure about feeding please contact the surgery for further advice.

### Admission

All pets are admitted between 8.30 and 9.00 am on the morning of their procedure by a vet or theatre nurse who will answer any questions or concerns you may have. You will be asked to read and sign a consent form and provide a contact number you can be reached on for the duration of your pets stay with us. You may be asked to confirm details of the procedure such as location of lumps and whether you would like pre anaesthetic blood tests to be carried out.

### Pre Anaesthetic Blood Tests

Pre anaesthetic blood tests are offered to all animals admitted for a procedure. These tests check your pet for any undiagnosed conditions such as liver or kidney disease which may affect our choice of anaesthesia given to your pet.

*Pre anaesthetic blood testing is optional and an additional charge will be made for this.*

### Surgery

All internal surgery is carried out in our sterile dedicated operating theatre and clean sterile instruments and drapes are used for each procedure to minimise the risk of infection. During surgery your pets heart rate, breathing and vital signs will be monitored by a qualified theatre nurse. Pain relief is given before and during the procedure and all animals are monitored carefully as they recover to allow further pain relief to be given if necessary.

### Collecting your pet

A nurse will telephone you when your pets procedure is complete to let you know how your pet is and to make arrangements for you to collect your pet. Collections normally take place during the afternoon as we like to monitor your pet post-op and allow them to wake fully from their anaesthetic before going home.

A light diet is recommended after surgery and 'Recovery Packs' (a light chicken and rice diet) are available from reception.

**If You Have Any Questions Or Need Further Advice Please Phone:  
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