



UNDERSTANDING GENERAL ANAESTHETIC

YOUR ANIMAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Please bring:

Date:

Time:

Special instructions:

Fasting instructions:

No food after 9pm the night before surgery.

From time to time your pet may need to undergo a surgical procedure that will require them to have a general anaesthetic.

All anaesthetics for your animal have a degree of risk associated with them, just as they do when we have them as humans.

However, we can reduce the risk of anaesthesia and give you reassurance and peace of mind throughout the process.



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We take pre-anaesthetic blood samples

Prior to your pet undergoing a surgical procedure that requires them to have anaesthetic, your vet may take blood samples. There are a number of benefits from doing this. Firstly it gives the veterinarian a clear indication of your pet's kidney and liver function. A full blood cell and platelet count can also be done if necessary. Blood samples act as an early indicator of any underlying health problems that may increase the risk of complications from your pet having an anaesthetic. Abnormal results will allow us to take the necessary precautions to minimise any anaesthetic risks.



So what do we do to reduce the risks associated with anaesthetic and give you peace of mind?

“The care and comfort of your pet is of prime importance to us.”

Other actions we take to reduce the risks associated with anaesthetic

It is in our utmost interest that we provide the best quality care for your pet, particularly where surgical procedures are concerned. We understand such procedures can be distressing for both you and your pet, so we endeavour to make the process as comfortable and reassuring as possible.

Intravenous fluids

An intravenous catheter and fluid line can be placed prior to your pet undergoing surgery. This serves many functions that will support both your pet and vet throughout and post surgery. For your pet, intravenous fluids help them to maintain a normal blood pressure during surgery. For the surgeon and theatre staff it allows them to safely and effectively administer any routinely required medication during surgery, or medicine that may be needed in case of an emergency. Following surgery, the intravenous catheter and fluid line will remain temporarily to supplement a smoother and safer recovery for your pet.



From the moment your pet is administered with pre-medication drugs and then admitted to the surgery itself, right up until your pet is fully recovered and standing, they will be monitored by our fully trained and qualified vet nurses. Our practices use safe, modern, anaesthetic gases and premedication drugs. We use up-to-date monitoring equipment that enables us to intensively monitor blood pressure, O2 saturation, the heart and your pet's respiratory rate and other vital signs throughout the whole procedure. Effective and safe pain relief is given both before and after surgery, to ensure that your pet remains as comfortable as possible.