

Preparing your pet for an Operation / Anaesthetic

When your pet is coming in for an operation, to ensure that things run smoothly please follow these instructions, unless specifically told otherwise:

1. Please bring your pet in to the surgery at the given appointment time
2. Make sure that he/she has no food from 6 pm the evening before. A small amount of water can be left down overnight but please take this away first thing on the morning of the operation. Do not allow them to have any food or water in the morning.
3. Please take your pet out in the morning to empty bowels and bladder, however don't let cats out to do this - they probably won't come back in time!
4. Please bring him/her in as clean and dry as possible.
5. Before any anaesthetic or surgical procedure can begin we must, by law, have a consent form completed. This can be signed by the owner or someone acting on the owners behalf, but they must be over sixteen. We will also require a contact telephone number in case we find something unexpected and need your permission to act upon it.
6. Telephone the surgery at about 2 p.m. We will be able to tell you then how they are and what time you may come to collect.
7. After the operation your pet will be a little sleepy for 24-48 hours and will probably not feel like eating too much. A small light meal (e.g. chicken, white fish, scrambled egg) is recommended that evening.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call us at the surgery.