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PRE-OPERATIVE HANDOUT

PRE-PROCEDURE TESTING

Pre-operative testing is often recommended especially in the elderly, to uncover any problems prior to an anaesthetic. These tests may include blood tests to assess the liver and kidney function. Any abnormalities detected may need to be addressed prior to surgery. The tests may aid our choice of anaesthetic or pre-surgical treatment. In this way we can minimise surgical and anaesthetic risk. Your veterinary surgeon will advise which tests may be appropriate for your pet.

PRE PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS

- Please give no food after 8pm the evening before the surgery/procedure and take water away one hour before admission. **No treats or cheating!** An empty stomach is critical for safe anaesthesia.

DO NOT HOWEVER RE-STRICT FOOD OR FLUIDS TO RABBITS AND OTHER SMALL MAMMALS

- If your pet is taking medication, give the normal dosage at the usual time, unless otherwise directed by your veterinary surgeon. /if your pet is diabetic, please ask for special instructions.
- Surgical patients are admitted to the practice between **08.30am and 10.00am** on the day of surgery.
- Allow your pet to exercise and time to empty its bowels and bladder before being admitted unless otherwise instructed.
- In the interest of hygiene please present your pet in a clean dry condition.
- All animals should be up to date with their flea treatment prior to anaesthetic/surgical procedure, **we reserve the right to administer and charge a flea preparation if we find any sign of fleas.**

Finally:

Be prepared to spend a few minutes with the veterinary nurse on the morning of admission, there may be a short wait. You will be required to complete a short consent form.

A pre-anaesthetic sedation is normally given shortly after admission. We really do want you to understand what we are doing and why. If you have any questions about the procedures or your pet's condition, please don't hesitate to ask.

Collection:

You will be asked to telephone the surgery after **2pm** to find out what time your pet will be ready for collection.

You will be required to settle your account in full at the reception before the nurse re-unites you with your pet and talks you through any necessary post-operative aftercare.