

WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE



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ADMISSION DATE:

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PREPARATION FOR SURGICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

1. Please ensure your pet has been correctly fasted for their procedure. Any General Anaesthetic, Sedation, Ultrasound scan or Blood Test requires fasting. If you are unsure of the duration of the fast, then please check with us before the day of the procedure.

- **Cats and Dogs should be given their final meal or a smaller 'snack' meal at 10pm the previous evening.**
- **Cats and Dogs that are normally fed once daily in the mornings should still be given a small meal at 10pm.**
- **Cats should be kept inside from the evening before (before 10pm) until their admit appointment.**
- **Dogs should be walked on the lead in the garden only the evening before and morning of their admit appointment.**
- **Small furries such as hamsters, rats, gerbils, chinchillas, rabbits, and guinea pigs SHOULD NOT be fasted.**
- **Ferrets should only be fasted 4 hours before their admit appointment.**
- **All animals can have water up to the time of admission.**
- **Small furries should be brought in with a 'packed lunch' of their favourite foods.**
- **Dogs/Cats with ALLERGIES or on SPECIAL DIETS should be brought in with a 'packed lunch' of their USUAL food.**
- **Dogs or cats UNDER 4 MONTHS OLD are to be fasted for a time period set by their Veterinary Surgeon. Please check this before the day of the procedure as fasting a young dog/cat for too long may cause complications to their health.**
- **If you are a multi pet household, please ensure the pet being fasted is unable to steal/sneak food after 10pm the night before and until admit.**

Please Turn Over

2. Please ensure your pet is as clean as possible, bath them the day prior to their operation to help decrease the risk of infection.

3. **Please ensure your pet has toileted prior to admission.** If they have **NOT** Defecated or Urinated before their admit time, then please let the admitting Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Nurse know.
4. Please present your pet by appointment between 8.00 and 9.30am on the arranged date. A sedative will be administered soon after admission to allay any anxieties he or she may have.
5. Make sure we have an up-to-date **contact telephone number** or numbers at which we can contact you **AT ALL TIMES** through the day should it be necessary to discuss anything with you.
6. Most procedures are carried out during the morning so the patient can return home usually between 3.00 & 6.00 PM the same day. However, unless you have been previously contacted, please ring between **2.30 & 4.00** for confirmation or information. Please note that Dental Procedures will likely be carried out in the **AFTERNOON** so a later discharge appointment may be made.
7. Full verbal and written instructions on post-operative care will be given on discharge by the duty Veterinary Nurse. We recommend a **light diet** the night after an anaesthetic. We do have special recovery food that can be purchased on collection of your animal. Where necessary, the Veterinary Surgeon will discuss the case with you.
8. If you cannot keep an appointment, please give as much notice as possible so that we can arrange for another patient to be admitted in your place.
9. To reduce some of the risks of General Anaesthesia we recommend your pet has a Pre-Operative Blood Test prior to their procedure. The blood test will check your pet's red and white blood cell count, liver enzyme and kidney enzyme parameters.
Peri-Operative Intravenous Fluids will also be offered. These benefit **ALL** pets as they help to regulate blood pressure and assist the kidneys in filtering medications through the blood. These are **OPTIONAL** and costs and confirmation of these will be completed on admission.
10. **Payment should be made on collection of your pet.** We accept cash, cheques and most credit cards. If your pet is insured it may be possible for us to arrange payment directly by the insurance company, however this will need to be **PRE-AUTHORISED** prior to surgery by a **General Manager** or **Director**.