**Preparing your pet for surgery**

There are several things you can do to improve the process of surgery for your pet. If you have any concerns about what is involved with your pet’s surgery please feel free to contact the clinic and discuss the procedure and outcomes with our vets. We firmly believe that the best outcomes are derived when everyone is on the same page.

1. Bath time □

Weather permitting pets should undergo a bath (for dogs) or a good brush to remove dead hair 48 hours before surgery. Enough time needs to be allowed for pets to be completely dry prior to undergoing an anaesthetic.

1. Special food requirements □

Depending on the reason for surgery you may be asked to feed your pet a special diet prior to surgery. If not, it is advisable to stick to their normal feeding regime as sudden diet changes can lead to diarrhoea which is not ideal.

1. Update parasite control □

Ideally parasite control and vaccination is already up to date. See our parasite control and vaccination page on our website for more info. If administering either of these then preferably a gap of 3-5 days between administration and surgery will allow for medications to work and the immune system to respond.

1. Withhold food for 12 hours in adolescent and adult animals □

We ask that animals have food withheld 12 hours prior to surgery. This usually means feeding them their normal meal the evening before but then taking away their feed bowl before you go to bed to ensure no snacking. Do not with hold water.

1. Voice any questions at drop off □

We are happy to discuss any concerns you may have or questions in regards to the procedures we will be performing. We complete pre-anaesthetic testing on all our surgical patients and they receive a thorough veterinary exam prior to any surgery.

1. Ensure you have a phone for contacting during the day □

Rest assured your pets are in good hands. Occasionally we may require more information to make choices throughout your pet’s procedure. It is always good to have a phone number on which we can contact you during the day to discuss anything that may arise.