**Pre-anaesthetic advice for dogs**

**The evening before:**

* Administer any medications as normal – unless your vet has specified not to.
* Feed your pet as normal up to 9pm at night.
* No food, milk or titbits should be given after this time.
* Do not remove water - this should be available until you bring them to the surgery.
* Exercise your dog as normal

**On the morning of the anaesthetic**

* Please take your pet out to the toilet before coming to the surgery.
* Please bring them to the surgery with a suitable collar and lead,

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**At the surgery**

* The reception staff will weigh them, this is so medicines can be give accurately.
* You will be asked to complete a consent form – this is necessary before we can undertake any procedures.
* It is **vital** that the surgery can contact you during the day. Please ensure that you give the practice all relevant phone numbers, where you can be contacted anytime throughout the day.
* The vet will examine your pet - please allow enough time for the vet to check and admit them.

**Pre-operative checks:**

* We may advise pre-operative checks such as a blood test or a urine sample. These are important as they can help identify any underlying problems such as liver or kidney disease, which could cause complications during anaesthesia. Pre-anaesthetic checks are particularly advisable on higher risk patients such as elderly pets, unwell pets or pets on medication.

**After the procedure:**

* Most patients go home with a ‘recovery pack’ containing sensitivity control diet. This is a palatable, highly digestible bland diet which is ideal for your pet after surgery or sedation.
* We recommend that your pet is suitably rested after surgery to allow wound healing. If your pet is particularly difficult to keep still, why not try Calmex capsules for dogs, a combination of natural calming ingredients added to their diet. This can also be used before planned procedures. Just ask at reception for more information.

**Additional:**

* If live fleas are found on your pet we will administer appropriate treatment and charge accordingly
* Does your pet require dentistry? Please ask for a free dental check
* Is your pet microchipped? For only £19.71\* your pet can be fitted with a tiny microchip with an identification code unique to you and your pet. It is injected under the skin. If your pet is lost or stolen all veterinary surgeons/dog pounds and the police have scanners which will read the microchip barcode and help reunite you with your pet.
* Is your pet insured? In many cases (though not all) we can claim directly from your insurance company. If you would like us to do this we will need to see an up to date insurance schedule before your pet’s procedure is carried out and have a signed claim form from yourself. The policy excess will be payable to us at the time of treatment. Please ask for a guidance leaflet.

\*All prices assume Loyalty Card discount applies