



17th January 2012

PRE OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

No appt has been booked in for a procedure that requires a general anaesthetic. Whilst today's modern methods and very sophisticated equipment make anaesthesia very safe, there is still a very small element of risk. You may rest assure however, that while No appt is in our care all possible steps will be taken to ensure his/her safe recovery.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. Please bring your pet to the surgery on allocated date at allocated time.
2. Do **NOT** feed dogs and cats after 8pm on the night before the operation. Rabbits and other "small furrries" however must not be starved.
3. **NO** access to water after 7.30am the morning of the operation.
4. You may telephone between **2pm and 3pm** the day of the operation to check on his/her progress at which time you will be given a time to collect No appt.
5. As we prefer to do as few anaesthetics as possible No appt your permission will be sought on admission for us to do any extra surgery we consider necessary, such as dental treatment and ear cleaning. Please feel free to discuss these with a nurse or vet at the time.
6. **Please note:** it is **vital** to leave a telephone number where we can contact you in the event of requiring further information during your pets operation.
7. Due to the amount of PARVOVIRUS that is prevelant in our locality we now feel it is imperative for ALL dogs admitted for anaesthetics to have been vaccinated within the last 12 months. If your pet is not up to date on his/her vaccinations your permission will be sought on admission.
8. Similarly with cats it is important that they be vaccinated against CAT FLU and ENTERITIS. Again we strongly advise this to be done annually and your permission will be sought on admission to the Hospital.
9. The approximate bill is estimated to be (phone practice for quote). Whilst every effort is made to keep bills within the estimated amount, problems and additional drugs can sometimes make quite considerable differences to the estimate. We always try to contact the owner to keep you informed of changes as they occur. However, the welfare of the pet is paramount and due to busy periods or the inability to contact owners, the ongoing assessment of a bill is sometimes not possible. If there are any problems associated with what has been quoted or it is vital that a bill is capped, please discuss this with the Hospital **BEFORE** treatment commences and your pet is admitted.
10. Finally, we want you to be certain in your own mind that you fully understand the nature of the surgery to be undertaken. If you are in any doubt then please ask the vet and he/she will gladly go over it again with you.