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The top 4 reasons to blood test your pet before anaesthesia

- 1 You deserve peace of mind. Testing can significantly reduce medical risk and ensure your pet's health and safety.
- 2 Pets can't tell us when they don't feel well. A healthy-appearing pet may be hiding symptoms of a disease or ailment. For example, a pet can lose up to 75% of kidney function before showing any visible signs of illness. Testing helps us evaluate your pet's health up front, so we avoid problems related to anaesthesia.
- 3 Testing can reduce risk and consequence. If pre-anaesthetic results are within normal ranges, we can proceed with confidence, knowing that anaesthetic risk is minimized. On the other hand, if results are not within the normal ranges, we can alter the anaesthetic procedure, or take other precautions to safeguard your pet's health and reduce the risk of potential complications.
- 4 Testing can help protect your pet's future health. These tests provide baseline levels for your pet and become part of his or her medical record for future reference.

Appointment schedule

For _____ (Pet Name)
 Date _____
 Veterinarian _____

For the following procedure (Please tick)

Dental Procedure
 Desexing
 Surgery
 Complicated Grooming(Matted Coat)
 X-ray or Ultrasound (A sedative is given if your pet is too anxious or overactive for us to perform the procedure)
 Ear Flushing (A sedative or anaesthetic will be necessary)
 Other

Call us if you have questions or need more complete information about your pet's procedure.

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When are surgeries done?

Surgeries and medical procedures are carried out Monday – Friday every week.

Routine surgeries should be booked a minimum of 2 – 3 days in advance. Admission times are allocated between 8 – 9 am.

What to do the day before

It is very important that patients are fasted before any anaesthetic or sedation.

The night before the scheduled surgery your pet may enjoy a normal dinner. NO food after 8.00 pm.

Water may be left down over night, but needs to be taken away when you wake or around 7 am.

It is a good idea to lock cats away the night before surgery and keep them inside until taken to your vet, so that they do not disappear for their appointment time.

On the day of surgery

No breakfast for your pet on the day of surgery. This is very important as it is not safe for your pet to have an anaesthetic if they have eaten.

Take away the water bowl at 7 am in the morning.

An admission time will be allocated to you, this is important to allow the nurse to confirm all details and requirements pre surgery.

Please allow 15 minutes for this.

Bring your pet down to the vet at your allotted admission time. Please be on time as mornings can become very busy and we want to give you our undivided attention at the designated time.

For the comfort of your pet please ensure they have been toileted before admission.

What to expect on admission

The Inpatient Nurse will spend time covering all the information required during your admission appointment. Please let the nurse know of any changes to your contact details, especially your contact number for the day of the surgery, as it is very important that we can always reach you if needed.

A form will be filled out with a list of questions regarding your pet's health and information.

Please make the nurse aware of any medication, current or long term. Also be sure to mention any illness or health concerns you may have.

Once the admission form is complete, a discharge time will be scheduled, generally between 4 – 5 pm.

Our standards of care

Blood tests

Surgery and anesthesia are very safe in the majority of cases. However, every pet is different and to minimize the risk each patient will receive a blood test to assess the kidneys and red blood cell concentration prior to an anaesthetic. This blood test is only a "snap shot", in some cases the duty Veterinarian will express the need for a more thorough blood test if the patient is senior (over 7) or has pre existing conditions.

A more detailed blood test will help us select the best anaesthetic to reduce the inherent risk associated with all anaesthetics, and initiate supportive therapy where necessary to aid in a good recovery for your pet. It also provides a baseline level for your pet and becomes a part of their medical record for future reference. This pre-anaesthetic test is extremely beneficial regardless of age, but almost vital for senior pets over 7 years. The duty Veterinarian or Inpatient Nurse will advise on this matter prior to surgical commencement.

Please ask your Inpatient Nurse about the cost involved. This test is not compulsory, but highly valuable. The Inpatient Nurse will record your preference on the consent form at the time of admission.

Fluids

To prevent dehydration and assist the anaesthetic drugs being flushed through the system we routinely give all our patients intravenous fluids throughout their procedure. In some cases fluids should be extended* especially for elderly, debilitated, shocked or renally (kidney) compromised patients, as well as for those undergoing prolonged procedures. The duty Veterinarian or Inpatient Nurse will advise on this matter prior to surgical commencement.

* All patients receive fluids throughout a surgical procedure, extended fluids mean that they are given i/v fluids from admission through until discharge. So in some cases these patients may benefit from several additional hours of hydration.

Pain Relief

Care Vet Group also believe that post operative pain prevents healing; to assist in pain management we adopt a "Gold Class" pain management system where all patients are sent home on a minimum of 2-3 days post operative pain management.

What to expect afterwards

During your discharge appointment you will be advised of the aftercare required for your pet. This may also be found on the back of your pet's "Bravery Certificate" for future reference.

Before leaving the Inpatient Nurse or Client Relations person will make a recheck appointment. If this is not done at the time of discharge, please telephone and schedule an appointment.