

South Lakes Veterinary Centre

Pre-Operation Information - Dog

Before your pet's appointment :

If your pet is having surgery please make sure that He/She has had a bath in the last 24 hours and that He/She is kept clean prior to coming in. Your pet can have food the night before up until 8pm. Water should be left down overnight. Where possible, dogs should be taken out to empty their bladder and bowels prior to admission.

If possible, please bring a fresh urine sample with you to the surgery.

Unless stated otherwise, any medications should not be given on the morning of the appointment.

We will need contact telephone numbers in case we need to discuss any treatments or complications with you.

We will make an appointment for your pet to be collected

If your pet has been scheduled for a procedure that requires sedation or a general anaesthetic, he or she will be given a complete physical examination to identify any existing medical conditions that could complicate the procedure and compromise the health of your pet.

Whilst we endeavour to safeguard your pet's wellbeing during a general anaesthetic, any procedure carries a small amount of risk. For this reason the veterinary surgeon may advise the use of intravenous fluids through the procedure and/or performing a pre-anaesthetic blood test to check for underlying problems with liver and kidney function, diabetes or anaemia.

This advice will depend upon several factors: such as the age of your pet (for example all animals over the age of seven will routinely receive intra-operative intravenous fluids), the length of the procedure, the seriousness of the condition being treated and any other medical conditions, that may be present. If your pet is having a procedure covered by pet insurance company, they will often cover the cost of the blood testing and fluid therapy. If you would like to know more details about this aspect of your pet's treatment then please ask the veterinary surgeon when your pet is admitted.

On collection, one of our nurses will explain post-operative care.

An estimate for this procedure will be given at the time of admission. We politely request payment when you collect your pet.

If your pet is insured, please can you bring your pet's insurance documents, including the insurance schedule, with you on the morning of His/Her appointment.