



Surgical procedures

The use of modern anaesthetic drugs and equipment help to ensure safety and a rapid recovery for your pet. The surgery is performed in excellent facilities that we believe are unrivalled in the area, and recovery takes place in warm air-conditioned kennels manned by qualified nursing staff.

For routine operations your pet will normally be ready to go home by late afternoon, or early evening, the same day. We will give you the "in-patient" phone number to enquire about progress, or we may contact you if you indicate you could collect your pet earlier.

A nurse will discharge your pet and explain what aftercare is necessary. This is usually minimal but you will undoubtedly have some questions to ask. An appointment for a follow up visit will be made.

We realise that this "total package" and our choice of superior drugs may add to the cost and so perhaps make us appear less competitive to some of our neighbours. However we feel our regular clients very much appreciate the standard of care given and feel our prices represent good value for money for the quality service that is provided.

Coming in for the operation - what is involved?

We realise that any surgical procedure performed on your pet may be worrying and stressful for you. We would therefore like to give an outline of what happens during the process, partly to address any uncertainties you may have and partly to show you that everything is done to make the process as stress-free as possible for both you and your pet.

For all routine procedures, including neutering, patients are generally hospitalised for only one day. At the time of booking, you will be asked to starve your pet from midnight the night before the operation (you should not restrict his/her access to water though). To avoid your having to wait too long, you are given an appointment (usually between 8.10 -9.00am) for the admission procedure. If it is more convenient for you, your pet can be admitted the previous evening. A nurse will carry out the admission, during which time details will be checked (contact phone number etc.), your pet weighed and the correct dose of the pre-med mixture (sedative) will be administered.

The premed is a mixture of 3 drugs - a tranquillizer to calm your pet and two pain-killing drugs. This mixture makes the hospitalisation less stressful, reduces the dose of the anaesthetic that needs to be given, and ensures a smooth recovery. If your pet is especially nervous, you can sit with him/her in the waiting room for 10-15 minutes while these drugs take effect.