



Preparing your pet for hospitalisation

To help us make your pets stay as comfortable and stress free as possible please follow the guidelines below and contact the surgery if you have any queries.

- ❖ You will have been given an appointment by reception for the morning sometime between 8:30am and 9:30am. It is important that you arrive at the time given to allow the nurse/vet to go through the consent form with and ask any relevant questions.
- ❖ For dogs and cats having a general anaesthetic or sedation withhold food from 10pm the night before the procedure. They can have free access to water but no milk should be given.
- ❖ Keep your cat in overnight and keep dogs on a lead for their morning walk. This will prevent them being able to hunt or scavenge food, which will ensure that they have an empty stomach.
- ❖ Some small mammals such as rabbits and guinea pigs should not be starved prior to surgery. It is helpful if you can supply as with some of their usual diet.
- ❖ Make sure dogs have had a chance to relieve themselves before they come in. Poo bags are available from Reception if this happens at the last minute!
- ❖ Bring in any medications your pet is currently taking and tell us when they were last given.
- ❖ Tell the nurse or vet on admittance of any concerns you have regarding your pet that you feel may be relevant.
- ❖ Tell us if your pet has any food preferences (i.e. wet or dry) or any other preferences related to feeding (i.e. bowl type). If your pet is fed a specialist diet please bring some with you.
- ❖ If you can no longer keep your appointment for the procedure please inform us as soon as possible.