



VETS @
NORTH ROCKS

Pre-anaesthetic Information

Leaving your pet at the clinic can be a source of concern for you as a pet owner. The following information is designed to increase your awareness of what is required and what occurs when your pet is admitted to hospital for surgery.

Pre-operative instructions

- No food after 10pm the evening before surgery.
- Access to water can continue through to the morning of surgery.
- Please bring your pet to the clinic between 8-9:30 am the morning of the surgery. We will require a few minutes of your time to go through our admission procedure.
- We will phone you by 4pm to let you know how the procedure has gone, and when your pet can go home.

Hospital Admission

On arrival you will be asked to complete a surgery consent form. This form has questions regarding your pet's health and also explains options and estimated costs for the procedure.

Some things to consider on admission for surgery are pre-anaesthetic blood testing and intravenous fluids. We offer these as optional procedures, but strongly recommend them in order to provide the best standard of care for your pet.

Pre-anaesthetic Blood Testing \$90

Blood testing prior to an anaesthetic and surgery allows us to assess internal organ function and helps to reduce anaesthetic risks. Internal organ abnormalities cannot always be picked up on a physical examination alone. Pre-anaesthetic blood testing is strongly recommended for older patients, patients recently showing symptoms of illness, and in young animals who have not yet had any baseline blood values measured.

Intravenous Fluids \$90

Any anaesthetic and surgery will inevitably reduce your pet's blood pressure. Intravenous fluids help to maintain blood pressure and thereby support your pet's internal organs, including the kidneys. Electing to place your pet on intravenous fluids makes for a speedier recovery and provides us with more options when it comes to pain relief.

Combined pre-anaesthetic blood test and intravenous fluids \$160 (*saving of \$20*)

We do offer a discounted price if you opt to perform both procedures for your pet.

Pain Relief Medication

Any surgical procedure may cause some post-operative pain. Here at Vets at North Rocks we are very conscious of post-operative pain. We will do the utmost to ensure your pet's recovery is as comfortable as possible. Strong pain relief is always given in hospital and this is included in the estimated cost of the procedure. Depending on the procedure we may also recommend additional pain relief for a few days once your pet is taken home from hospital. It is important to note that some pain killers may make your pet a little drowsy for the first night that they are back home.