



**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 3pm 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, which has some questions regarding your pet's health.

In order to ensure the best standard of care for your pet, all animals undergoing general anaesthesia will be placed on **Intravenous Fluids during the procedure at an additional cost of \$90.**

Anaesthetic drugs can lower blood pressure and cardiac output. Intravenous fluids will help support your pet's cardiovascular system, ensuring good tissue perfusion and protection of major organs like the liver and kidneys.

The surgery consent form also explains other options and will provide an estimated cost for the procedure.

Other considerations:

### **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.

### **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 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.