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**PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR CAT**

1. Please ensure that your cat has been starved from **MIDNIGHT** the evening before the operation. If your cat hasn't been starved and has a full stomach, they may be sick under the anaesthetic and this can be very dangerous.
1. Your cat must also stay indoors overnight so they do not hunt or find food from a friendly neighbour!
2. If your cat lives in a multi-animal household **PLEASE** ensure that **ALL** food is out of reach. If you suspect that your cat may have accidentally eaten, please mention it when you attend reception.
3. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT your cat CONTINUES TO HAVE ACCESS TO WATER UNTIL THEY ARE BROUGHT INTO THE SURGERY.** This is so they do not become dehydrated at home the night before the anaesthetic and that they are well hydrated for the operation.
4. On the morning of the operation your cat will have a clinical examination by the vet. The clinical team will also take your cat's heart rate, breathing rate and temperature. This is so we can ensure that your cat is in a healthy condition before the anaesthetic. Sometimes a pre-operative blood sample will be advised.
5. After the operation, whilst still at the vets, your cat will be offered a prescription diet that is specially formulated for recovery. In the evening after the operation we recommend to continue feeding a bland diet. We can provide more of the prescription food for you to take home for your cat's recovery, please let us know if you require this.
6. Please inform a member of staff if your cat is insured.
7. **On the day an appointment will be made either when your cat is admitted or once the operation is completed. Please wait to call after 14:00h if you haven't heard from us.**
8. **We strongly recommend that you ask your vet for an approximate cost of the treatment.**

Finally, we understand that preparing Lennon for an operation can be a worrying process. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would just like to have a talk with our staff regarding your animal's operation.