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**PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR DOG**

1. Please ensure that your dog has been starved from **MIDNIGHT** the evening before the operation. If your dog hasn't been starved and has a full stomach, they may be sick under the anaesthetic and this can be very dangerous.
1. If your dog lives in a multi-animal household **PLEASE** ensure that **ALL** food is out of reach. If you suspect that your dog may have accidentally eaten, please mention it when you attend reception.
2. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT your dog 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.
3. Please take your dog out for a short walk to go to the toilet before attending the practice.
4. You will have been given an admit appointment time to bring your dog to the surgery for their operation. Your admit appointment will be with a vet or veterinary nurse.
5. Some dogs are very reluctant to leave their owners. The best way to overcome this is to hand their lead to the vet or nurse and then turn and walk away. They are much happier to come with us when their owners are not in sight.
6. On the morning of the operation your dog will have a clinical examination by the vet. The clinical team will also take your dog's heart rate, breathing rate and temperature. This is so we can ensure that your dog is in a healthy condition before the anaesthetic. Sometimes a pre-operative blood sample will be advised.
7. After the operation, whilst still at the vets, your dog 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 dog's recovery, please let us know if you require this.
8. Please inform a member of staff if your dog is insured.
9. On the day, a discharge appointment will be made either when your dog is admitted or once the operation is completed. Please wait to call after 14:00h if you haven't heard from us.
10. We strongly recommend that you ask your vet for an approximate cost of the treatment.

Finally, we understand that preparing your pet 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.