

Pre-Operative Information for Surgical Procedures

ADMISSION TIME

Please bring Cosmo to the surgery at on .

Cosmo's admission will take approximately 15 minutes; this will enable the nurse to explain the consent form to you before you sign it.

FOOD & WATER

You should feed Cosmo the evening before surgery no later than **midnight**. Water should be left down until the morning of surgery. Cats should be left in overnight with a litter tray. Dogs should be taken out on a lead in the morning before attending the surgery.

ANAESTHETIC CONSENT FORM

When you arrive with Cosmo on the morning of the operation you will be asked to sign an 'Anaesthetic Consent Form'. This form gives permission for anaesthetic administration and surgical procedures. The form contains information and advises you of the risks with such procedures. All anaesthetic procedures carry some risk, but this is usually very small.

PRE-OPERATIVE BLOOD TESTS

You will be asked whether you would like Cosmo to have a 'Pre-op blood test'. This enables us to check if Cosmo has any underlying health conditions that are not yet clinically apparent.

The vet may then amend the anaesthetic protocol or initiate a course of treatment prior to the operation. The pre-op blood test is recommended for all animals, however, as a matter of protocol we strongly recommend pre-op blood tests for all dogs over the age of 6 and cats over the age of 8 years.

PERI-OPERATIVE INTRAVENOUS FLUID THERAPY

You will be asked whether you would like Cosmo to have Intravenous Fluid Therapy (IVFT). IVFT helps to maintain Cosmo's blood pressure during surgery. It can also help support other vital organs process anaesthetic medications. If Cosmo's blood pressure becomes low during surgery, we will respond with IVFT for their safety.

ALLERGIES & PREVIOUS SURGERIES

Please indicate on the anaesthetic form if Cosmo has any allergies to any medication and bring this to the attention of the admission vet/nurse. Please also tell the nurse if Cosmo has any serious diseases/conditions e.g., Heart disease, Diabetes, Epilepsy, etc. Also indicate if Cosmo is receiving any medication currently. Please have information of the drug name, drug strength, dose **Cosmo** is receiving and the time the drug was last administered.

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Once the form has been completed and signed, Cosmo will be admitted. Bloods will then be taken if requested. Cosmo will then receive a sedative and pain relief injection. Sedatives are used to calm your pet and reduce the dose of anaesthetic required, thereby reducing the risk of anaesthesia further. Pain relief is given to limit the pain response that is caused during a surgical procedure, we ensure each pet receives a carefully calculated dose to ensure their pain is always controlled.

Next Cosmo will be given a full general anaesthetic; we have a range of injectable and gaseous anaesthetics. Your vet will choose which anaesthetic regime will suit your animal's individual needs. Veterinary Nurses (VN) continually monitor every anaesthetic with the addition to multi-parameter monitors. After the surgery, Cosmo will be monitored by the dedicated recovery VN until fully conscious. Vital signs and pain scoring is completed at regular intervals throughout Cosmo's recovery.

COLLECTIONS

We aim to have most procedures completed by 3pm, however we do treat emergency cases which may alter the time Cosmo has their procedure. We will call or text you to inform you that Cosmo is in recovery and arrange a collection time that is convenient for you. We can discharge patients up to 6:30pm. Cosmo may still be a little drowsy when you collect them. The discharge nurse will explain how to care for Cosmo over the next few days, along with a further post-op check date.

INSURANCE

We are happy to process your insurance claim and submit this. Claims can be submitted with a physical claims form that you can obtain for your insurance company, (please ensure all your details, including name of insurance company, policy number, email address, excess amount and what condition you are claiming for are filled in). If you are insured with Pet Plan you can submit your claim through their online submission form and it will come directly to us. You can also submit your insurance claim via email.

Please be aware that any direct claims (where the insurance company pays us direct) must be pre-authorise and this will incur a processing fee of £45.

Declaration _____ **by** _____ **owner**

To be confirmed with written or verbal consent during admission.

- I understand, the risks of anaesthesia and any relating surgery my pet will undergo whilst at this veterinary practice. Including the small risk of death, complications or side effects. I hereby absolve the veterinarians, staff and this facility from all actions, arising directly or indirectly from the treatment / anaesthetic / surgery.
- The procedures/treatment my pet will receive have been explained to my satisfaction and I have been given opportunity to ask any questions regarding my pet's procedures/treatment.
- I give my permission for my pet described previously to be given a general anaesthetic / sedation / in-patient care & treatment for the reasons discussed.
- I am aware that further procedures may become necessary, and I give my permission for them to be performed if they are seen to be in the best interests for my pet's health. Emergency treatment will be carried out as/when necessary. Euthanasia will NEVER be performed without owner consent.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- I understand that an estimate of the costs for veterinary services will be provided upon request and that I am encouraged to discuss all fees related to such care before services are rendered and during my pets on-going medical treatment.
- Any estimates are estimates only and I agree to pay all costs associated with treatment regardless of outcome prior to the pet being discharged from the practice. This bill may be more or less than estimated due to unforeseen factors or changes in the patient's condition.