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As you know, your pet is scheduled for a day procedure that will require a general anaesthetic. Your pet's health is our first concern, so before placing your pet under a general anaesthetic we perform a complete physical examination.

To fully get an understanding of your pet's health and to ensure they are a good candidate for a general anaesthetic we strongly recommend that your pet have a **pre-anaesthetic blood test** performed prior to any anaesthetic procedure. These tests confirm that your pet's organs are functioning properly. The tests also reveal hidden health conditions that could put your pet at risk. This is especially important for older pets.

Pre-anaesthetic blood work is also important for our younger pets. Some pets are born with genetic or congenital organ problems that may not show until later in life. These conditions can be worsened by anaesthesia. The pre-anaesthetic blood work allows us to catch these problems early and avoid exacerbation of the pet's condition with anaesthesia.

We can simply start with a quick urine test; this can tell us what the urine concentration is. If this is low then it can possibly mean that the kidneys are not doing their job properly. We would then perform a pre-anaesthetic blood test on your pet.

Urine test \$24.00

Pre-anaesthetic blood testing \$64.20

During routine procedures we also offer you the choice of your pet receiving intravenous fluid therapy, this maintains good blood pressure throughout the anaesthetic, keeps you pet hydrated and aids in recovery. If your pet is older, unwell or is requiring a long anaesthetic then fluid therapy would be a necessity.

Intravenous fluid therapy \$90.00

While these measures cannot guarantee the absence of complications, they do minimise the risks during and after the anaesthetic.

Directions for your pet on the morning of the procedure:

1. Fasting – No food from 10pm the evening prior to the procedure, normal access to water
2. Medication – If your pet is on medication, please consult with your vet as to whether your pet receives their medication on the morning of surgery.
3. Admission – Please allow 10-15 minutes to go through the admission form with the surgical nurse.
4. Toileting – Please ensure you take your dog for a toilet walk on the morning of surgery and that cats have access to litter trays.

Once the procedure is complete someone from the clinic will call you regarding your pet's progress and will let you know what time they will be ready to go home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us, our goal is to keep your pet safe and healthy.

From the team at McMaster and Heap Veterinary Clinic.