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## Pre Anaesthetic Information Sheet

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 him/her under a general anaesthetic we perform a complete physical examination.

To get a full understanding of your pet's health and to ensure that they are a good candidate for a general anaesthetic we strongly recommend that they have a pre-anaesthetic blood test and/or urine test prior to the procedure. These tests help to check that your pet's organs are functioning properly. The tests also reveal hidden health conditions that could put him/her 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. It also gives us a great baseline for any future blood test that may need to be run; we would have a record of what their blood levels are when they are healthy.

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

### What we offer:

A '**Complete Anaesthetic Package**' that includes a urine test, blood testing and intravenous fluid therapy at the discounted rate of \$141.00

Otherwise we can individually perform any of these tests:

- A quick urine test will tell us what the urine concentration is and if the kidneys are functioning well - \$24.00
- A pre-anaesthetic blood test on your pet - \$71.00
- 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 before 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 check with us whether to give it on the morning of the surgery.
3. **Toileting** - Take your dog out to the toilet as normal, and provide cats with a litter tray if keeping inside overnight.
4. **Admission** - Please allow 5-10 minutes to go through the admission form with the surgical nurse.

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, this is generally between 3-6pm.

Our goal is to keep your pet safe and healthy. If you have any questions, or if we can help you further in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us on 03 338 2534.