

## Gastro-intestinal Surgery (Foreign Body Removal)

Please read the pre-operative information sheets for cats and dogs

Before the procedure we would ask you read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the elected procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries accepted associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication

1. Wound breakdown (partial or complete)
2. Wound infection
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Hemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
6. Damage to other internal organs
7. Pain
8. Suture material reaction
9. Wound breakdown of the stomach/intestine suture site
10. Peritonitis (infection of the abdomen)
11. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
12. Anaesthetic complication including death
13. General anaesthesia requires intubation which has a recognised risk of inadvertent tracheal tear

If a section of the intestines has become damaged/non-viable as a result of the foreign body, it may be necessary to perform an enterectomy to remove this section. The cost of an enterotomy will be included in your estimate if it is known to be required; if required as an emergency procedure we will contact you to discuss this and associated costs.

Please be assured that we take every precaution to minimise these risks to your pet.

