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Pre Operative Notes for Small Pets **(Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Rats, Hamsters, Chinchillas)**

Please read the following instructions in preparation for your pet's procedure. If you have any queries or concerns, or need to change your appointment, please contact us as soon as possible.

- Small pets such as rabbits, hamsters and exotic pets should have food and water left with them until they are brought in. They will be provided with food before and after their procedure. It can be useful to let the nurse admitting your pet know what sort of food they normally like to eat and whether they prefer to drink from a bowl or bottle. You will also be asked if your pet is currently on any medication and when this was last given.
- At your admission appointment a nurse will briefly go through the details of the procedure and ask you to read and sign a consent form, as well as provide us with contact details for the day. The consent form must be signed by the owner or someone acting on the owner's behalf, but they must be over the age of 18. You should bring your pet in a suitable container.
- It is important to understand that there are some risks involved in all anaesthetic techniques and procedures. We perform a full physical examination before administering an anaesthetic, but there are some conditions that cannot be picked up on examination alone.
- Usually your pet will be able to go home the same afternoon, generally between 3-6pm. An appointment to collect will normally be arranged by the nurse at the time of admission. We will provide post-operative instructions to help you care for your pet after they are back home with you. Occasionally you may be advised your pet needs to stay in the hospital overnight following a procedure/anaesthetic for observation or further treatment.

Please note payment for work done is due at the time of collection