

LAWRENCE VETERINARY CENTRE
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If your pet has an appointment for surgery/ investigation, please read this document in its entirety before you bring him/her to the surgery at the scheduled appointment. If this appointment hasn't been agreed yet, please phone the practice on the above telephone number to book your pre-op appointment.

Please be aware that your pre-op appointment isn't a simple 'drop off'. The vet or nurse might want to take some time to discuss your pet's procedure before admit and will ask you to sign a consent form. Please allow plenty of time for this. It might be sensible for the pet's owner to be present during this appointment if at all possible. Alternatively another free of charge pre-op appointment can be offered before the admit day.

If your pet is admitted on the morning of the operation then withhold food from 10.00pm the night before and withhold water from 7.00am in the morning. If your pet is to be admitted the night before surgery then you should feed and offer water up to the time of admission. Please bring a familiar blanket or toy to leave with them to reassure them during their stay with us.

Please ensure that you leave a contact telephone number with us on admission. We MUST be able to contact you throughout the day as there may be changes to the planned procedures.

Most patients are treated as day patients and will go home during the afternoon or early evening. The vet/nurse/ACA that admits your pet will suggest a time for you to telephone us regarding their progress and likely discharge time.

Please note that you will be asked to settle your account on collection of your pet. Our nursing staff can give you the charges associated with routine procedures but if you want an estimate for more complex procedures please discuss this with one of our vets, ideally before your pre-op appointment. It should be noted that we can only give estimates, not quotes. These can sometimes be unpredictable, and the amount of work will vary from patient to patient.

We can offer a pre-anaesthetic blood test to assess prior to an operation being performed. We don't routinely offer this for neutering procedures, however if you wish to discuss this further then please ask the vet or veterinary nurse at the pre-op appointment.

The nurse on discharges will give you full details of any further examinations or check-ups that will be required. We appreciate that leaving your pet is a worrying experience and we try our best to ensure that both you and your pet are treated sympathetically.

We would also like to take this opportunity to advise you, if you do not already know about the emergency out of hours service. Information leaflets and directions are available at the practice and further advice will be given on discharge. Occasionally if a critical care patient requires overnight intensive care that patient may require transfer to the out of hours clinic for round the clock care. Unfortunately we can not predict the costs of the OOH service as it is run as a separate business.

Please fill out the attached Pre Hospitalisation form and bring it with you on the day or you can email us at Reception@lawrencevets.co.uk. This is important as it will allow us to create a personalised care plan.

PRE-HOSPITALISATION FORM.

Please complete our pre-hospitalisation form to help us have an understanding of the normal routines and behaviours for your pet. This will allow us to adjust our care accordingly during their stay with us at Lawrence Veterinary Centre and accommodate where possible their individual requirements.

Please bring this completed form with you on the day of hospitalisation thank you.

Patient name:
Client name

Date of hospitalisation:

Has your pet had any known previous surgical procedures? If yes, please tell us what.
YES / NO.....

Do they have any known allergies?
YES / NO.....

What diet are they fed at home? PLEASE LET US KNOW THE SPECIFIC BRAND IF PRESCRIPTION DIET.
WET / DRY / BOTH.....

Are there any specific eating or drinking habits we should know about?
YES / NO

Does he/she enjoy being active? How much exercise do they do per day? (approximately)
YES / NO

Are there any particular behaviours or habits we should know about? (Particular likes/dislikes)
YES / NO

Are there any areas on the body that we should be cautious of when touching and handling?
YES / NO.....

Does he/she suffer from any known long term conditions or diseases or ever suffered from seizures?
YES / NO

Is there anything in particular you would prefer us NOT to feed whilst in our care?
YES / NO

Particularly for dogs: Can you provide us with any toileting advice? Such as a favourite surface, command word, or toileting habits for us to expect.
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Particularly for cats: Does he/she have access to outside? YES / NO / RARELY

Are you able to administer medications to your pet easily?

SIGNED:

DATE:

INFORMATION ABOUT PRE-ANAESTHETIC BLOODS

What are pre-anaesthetic bloods for?

Pre-anaesthetic bloods are intended to screen your pet for internal health problems. These may not be apparent to you, the owner, at home, or to us, the vets, on clinical examination. We are looking for issues that, if present, could increase the risks associated with general anaesthesia and surgical procedures.

Who are pre-anaesthetic bloods for?

We advise pre-anaesthetic bloods for **older** patients (generally 7-8 years +), because the risk of developing disease increases with age.

We can offer pre-anaesthetic bloods to **everyone**. The chance of us finding an abnormality on the bloods of a young patient, that will affect the anaesthetic risk or the protocol we use is **very low**, but **not zero**.

What are we checking on a pre-anaesthetic blood screen?

We will run a haematology and a limited biochemistry profile.

This is performed to look for underlying issues such as anaemia, infection, liver disease, kidney disease and abnormal protein levels, which can lead to anaesthetic or surgical complications.

If any abnormalities are discovered on a pre-anaesthetic screen the Vet will discuss these with you and the implications for the procedure and your animals on-going care.

PLEASE NOTE:

- pre-anaesthetic bloods cannot pick up every single underlying disease.
- A normal pre-anaesthetic blood test result does NOT guarantee no complications.

However, it is a simple, minimally invasive precaution we can take, to try and reduce the risk of complications, for those patients with disease that we would otherwise know nothing about.

THE COST OF A PRE-ANAESTHETIC BLOOD TEST IS £58.00, this can be done on the day of the procedure or arranged prior to the procedure by contacting the practice on 01773 769298.

If you would like to discuss this further, or are interested in having a pre-anaesthetic blood test performed, you can also speak to the veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse at your admit appointment.