

Gastro-intestinal Surgery (Foreign Body Removal)

Before the procedure we would ask you read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the 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. We will discharge your pet with a buster collar or bodysuit which is to be worn at all times which can help reduce patient interference and post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Wound break down (partial or complete)
2. Wound infection
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Haemorrhage (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
11. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
12. Anaesthetic complication including death

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 enterectomy 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.

We take precautions to minimise these risks to your pet

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