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## Your Small Pet's Pre-op Care



Your pet is coming to stay with us for a procedure. Please follow these instructions:

We understand that leaving your dog can be very worrying, so we are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Just call us on 01442 833 198 or email info@hopevets.com.

There are a few things to remember:

1. It is not necessary to withhold food or water from your small pet prior to sedation or anaesthesia. It is preferable to encourage your pet to eat prior to the procedure as this may help to stimulate his/her appetite in the post-operative period.
2. Please bring a picnic of your pet's favourite food for us to tempt him/her with after the procedure. It is essential that your pet eats immediately on recovery to ensure his/her guts don't slow down.
3. It is important that your pet passes faeces and eats in the first 12-24 hours after the procedure. In order to monitor this, please provide your pet with a clean cage/hutch after he/she is discharged.
4. If your pet is normally kept outside he/she will need to be moved inside for 24-48 hours after the procedure. Please prepare a box or cage either in the house, garage or conservatory where your pet can recover in the warmth, away from drafts.
5. If your pet has a companion you will need to keep them separate immediately after the procedure. Once your pet has recovered you can gradually reintroduce them under supervision, but please ensure that your pet's companion doesn't chew at any wounds.
6. If there has been any change in your pet's condition or symptoms since we saw him/her last, please let us know.
7. It will take about 10 minutes to admit your pet in the morning as we need to go through a consent form with you. Please ensure we have phone numbers where we can contact you throughout the day.
8. After your pet's procedure will ring you to arrange a discharge appointment so that we can go through all the post operative care.

All that's left to say is go home have a large mug of tea and try not to worry.