

Pre-operative advice:

Your pet has been booked in for an operation and therefore will need to come and spend most of the day with us. We understand that this is a very worrying time for owners and wish to do everything we can to reassure you. After your animal has been admitted they will normally be given a mild sedative (pre-med) to make them relax. The operation will usually be performed during the morning which means that your pet will have the afternoon to rest and recover fully from the anaesthetic and surgery.

Here are a few points to be aware of before bringing your pet in:

- It is important that your animal does not eat after 10pm the night before their operation. However, there is no need to restrict water at all. It is advisable to keep cats indoors the night before to prevent them from eating anything outside.
- You should bring them to the surgery between 8.30am-9.00am on the morning of their operation unless you have an appointment on the day of the procedure in which case bring them in at the booked appointment time. If dogs have been taken for a walk please ensure they are as clean as possible before coming in and also ensure they have the opportunity to go to toilet prior to being admitted. If you are bringing a cat in please make sure it is in a cat basket or secure box, for the benefit of its own safety.
- Your animal will be admitted by one of the nurses who will need to spend some time asking about the general health of your pet so please allow 10-15 minutes for this.

We will ask you to sign a consent form which will have all the contact details on, please ensure that we have a contact number for you on the day of the surgery should we need to discuss anything with you while your animal stays with us.

If your pet is on daily medication for any reason, please ensure this is given as normal, unless otherwise advised. If the treatments must be given with food, do not give it but inform the nurse on admission, or check with the veterinary surgeon before hand.

If you have any questions prior to your pet coming in for their surgery please don't hesitate to contact your local branch of Swayne & Partners to discuss this with one of our vets.

