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**Surgery** ..... **is scheduled** for .....On .....

Please arrive at ..... for pre-op assessment.



Δ To assist surgical hygiene, please **bath dogs** the day before if possible.

*[Cats self-groom and need not be bathed.]*

Δ Give a light meal of soft foods the night before & no solids that morning [a drink is OK].  
*If food is accidentally given, tell us when you arrive so we can schedule surgery for later in the day.*

Δ **Bring a blanket**, soft toy or t-shirt from home, to provide familiar smells and comfort

**On arrival:** We will ask you to complete a Hospital Access Form listing the expected procedure[s] & letting us know how best to contact you during the day if the need arises.

After being health-assessed, your pet is left quietly to settle. A pre-med , given 15 – 20 minutes before surgery, will ease any panic, assist anaesthesia, and help ensure a quiet, steady recovery.

**Pick-up** is expected to be same-day // next day // other [.....]

We do schedule an appointment time for this, to discuss the procedure and its aftercare.

We can send an SMS to confirm pick-up time, or you can phone us between 2 – 3p.m.

Please don't visit us during the day though, as that can be very unsettling for your pet.

Written **discharge advice** will outline aftercare and precautions for when you get home.

Please read & follow the advice closely, & phone us if worries arise at any time during recuperation.



The analgaesia & antibiotics we give here may be sufficient to span recuperation; if not, either tablets or a syrup will be dispensed at discharge, or a return visit may be scheduled for top-up injections.

Do **NOT** give human pain-killers to your pet without specific advice from a vet: often toxic, they may also interact badly with meds already used.

**Suture removal** is usually due 8 – 10 days later. The surgical site is checked & your pet's overall recovery determined.

If sutures need not be removed, we are still happy to review your pet. Contact reception for an appointment.

*Is there anything else you would like to know? or feel we should know? .....*

*Are there any other procedures you would like done concurrently? Perhaps Grooming, Vaccination, Micro-chipping or a Dental Assessment? [We do routinely assess the teeth & throats of all anaesthetized patients, & trim the nails of dogs]. .....*