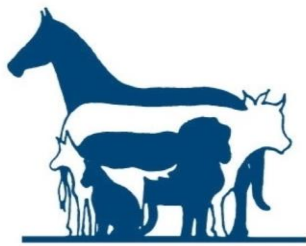


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## Pre-operative Instructions

THANK YOU FOR BOOKING YOUR PET IN FOR SURGERY AT THE MAIN RIDGE  
VETERINARY CLINIC

The following information is designed to answer some of the questions you might have prior to your pet's procedure. At Main Ridge Veterinary Clinic we understand how important it is your pet receives the highest standard of care, we therefore offer several options for your consideration as part of your pet's anaesthetic package for routine procedures. This information includes options to consider prior to your pet's surgery, as well as how to prepare your pet for their day in hospital. Your admissions nurse will be happy to answer any questions you may have at your admissions appointment on the day of your pet's procedure.

## PRE-SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

### FASTING

Pets undergoing a general anaesthetic will need to have an empty stomach on admission. Please fast your pet from 9.00pm the night before surgery. Please also take care to remove other pets' food that may be accessible. Water is allowed overnight, but no other fluid (ie. no milk). Your pet can also have water the morning of the procedure.

Please note rabbits and guinea pigs **should not** be fasted for surgery. If they have a particular diet they like to eat, please bring a little bit in for their pre & post-surgery grazing.

### ILLNESS

If your pet has experienced any illness in the week or so leading up to surgery, no matter how minor, please advise us during the admission appointment. Please let us know if there is any chance your pet may have ingested rat or mouse baits (this can interfere with normal blood

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## BATHING YOUR PET BEFORE SURGERY

Before the day it is often a good idea to wash your dog, particularly if they are booked in for surgery as they will not be able to have a bath for 10-14 days after the surgery. If your pet has dirty skin, this can increase the risk of a post-surgical infection, so a bath is in your dog's best interests. We recommend bathing with Pyohex shampoo which is for the treatment of bacterial (Staphylococcal) skin infections in dogs. This shampoo is available at the front counter. Thankfully most cats are fastidious about their cleanliness and do not require bathing.

## TRANSPORT

Dogs - on a lead

Cats - in a comfortable carry box

## ADMISSION

Please allow your pet time to go to the toilet before admission.

Admission time is allocated between 8.30am and 9.00am. We ask clients to allow 10 minutes for the admission process so the nurse on duty can complete all necessary paperwork with you, conduct a pre-operative check on your pet and answer any questions you may have.

## DISCHARGE

Most pets undergoing routine procedures such as dentals and desexing usually go home the same day, whilst those undergoing larger procedures may need to stay overnight. A nurse will call you after on the afternoon of your pet's procedure to organise a discharge time.

On discharge the nurse will go over your pet's medications (if applicable) and postoperative instructions. Again, we ask clients to allow 15 minutes for the discharge consultation to ensure we have enough time to go over at-home care for your pet post surgery.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call on (03) 5989 6232. We look forward to seeing you and your pet soon.