



Elham Valley Referrals

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PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PET OWNERS

FOR ALL PATIENTS:

Please ensure that you **do not feed** your pet on the morning of the operation. Food can be given up to 10pm the night before. Water is allowed at all times.

Please **keep your cat indoors** the night before the operation.

If your pet is on **long-term medication**, continue giving this as usual unless specifically advised otherwise. Special instructions apply to diabetic pets (see below).

If your pet has any **eye drops**, please bring them with you on the day of the surgery.

Try and **take your dog for a walk** before they come into the practice, this will help them relax and it will help if they don't need the toilet immediately prior to surgery.

Please feel free to **bring in a toy or blanket** with your pet as the smell from home can comfort them in an unfamiliar environment.

We will offer your pet some food once they have recovered from the anaesthetic. If your pet has any **food allergies** or is on a **special diet**, please let us know.

If your dog is having surgery it is advisable to use a **body harness** post operatively for a couple of weeks rather than using a collar and lead. Any pressure around the neck (such as pulling on a lead) will increase pressure within the eye, which can cause damage. This is especially important for cataract surgery patients.

FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS:

Please inject **half the dose of insulin** that you normally give at your pet's usual breakfast time, but **do not feed** your pet.

Please **bring your pet's insulin**, needles and any specific food (as well as any other medication including eye drops) with you on the day of the operation:

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you and your pet.