

Zillmere Vet Surgery



Surgical Admission Booklet



If you have any questions not answered in this booklet, please feel free to contact us anytime on 3865 2020, or email info@zillmerevet.com.au

Knowing that your pet is about to undergo a surgical procedure can be very stressful.

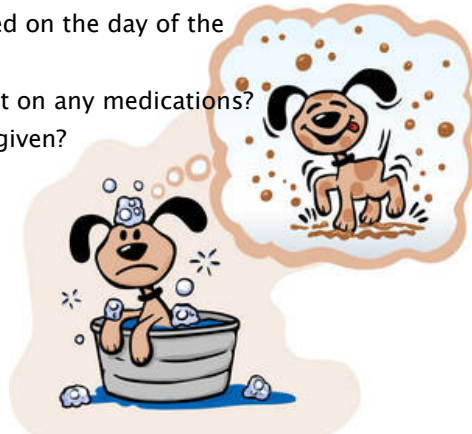
We hope that the information provided in this booklet will answer your questions and reassure you that everything possible will be done to ensure that your pet has a safe, comfortable and stress free experience.

In this booklet you will find important pre-surgical information, as well as explanations of procedures and tests your pet will undergo.

Please read the information contained and complete the check-list on the final page before admission.

Pre-Surgical Instructions

- 1) **Fasting.** Please feed your pet at approximately 6 – 7pm the evening before admission and then ensure they have no further access to food. This is important to minimize the risk of vomiting under the anaesthetic.
- 2) **Water.** Water can be left available all night but please remove their water access when you wake up on the morning of the procedure.
- 3) **Bathing.** Your pet will most likely have sutures and therefore cannot be bathed for 10 days post-surgery. Please bathe your pet and treat for fleas within the couple of days prior to admission. Clean skin and no parasites are important for optimal wound healing.
- 4) **Admission appointment:** You will have an admission appointment – we will need approximately 15 minutes of your time for your nurse to fill in the required paperwork. Please ensure a responsible adult attends this admission appointment as there will be forms to sign.
- 5) **Contact details:** Please ensure you leave us details of how you can be contacted on the day of the procedure.
- 6) **Medications:** Is your pet on any medications? When was the last dose given?



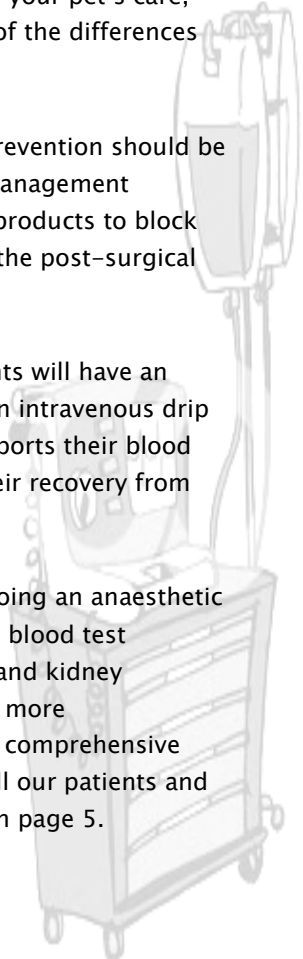
Surgical Comparisons

Your pet's comfort and safety is always our primary concern here at Zillmere Veterinary Surgery, and because of this we hold ourselves to an extremely high standard. We also understand that cost is a factor in choosing your pet's care, and want to be sure you understand some of the differences we pride ourselves on in our practice.

Pain Control: We don't believe that pain prevention should be optional. All our patients will have a pain management program, using a combination of different products to block pain before it happens and to treat pain in the post-surgical period.

Intravenous Fluids: All our surgical patients will have an intravenous catheter placed and will have an intravenous drip running throughout their surgery. This supports their blood pressure and organ perfusion and helps their recovery from anaesthetic.

Pre-anaesthetic Testing: All pets undergoing an anaesthetic procedure will have a basic pre-anaesthetic blood test performed checking anaemia, dehydration and kidney function. Older or high risk pets will have a more comprehensive panel performed. The more comprehensive panel is available (and recommended) for all our patients and you will find more information about this on page 5.



Patient Monitoring: All our patients have a dedicated nurse to monitor their anaesthetic at all times. We monitor blood pressure, oxygen saturation, temperature, pulse, respiratory rate and ECG and these readings are recorded in each patient's anaesthetic record. Your pet will have a nurse right by their side all the way from induction to recovery.

Patient Warming: We have invested in a state of the art patient warming system to help our patients maintain their body temperature during surgery. This improves anaesthetic recovery and reduces the risk of post operative complications such as surgical wound infections.

Proper surgical suite and instrumentation: Believe it or not, but there are no regulations requiring veterinarians to sterilize surgical instruments between patients. Rest assured, we would never consider reusing instruments which haven't been properly autoclaved and sterilized.

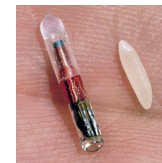
Best quality suture material and anaesthetic drugs: Yes, there are different levels of quality in both materials and drugs. We don't skimp on quality....ever!



Our patient warming system

Elective Procedures

While your pet is with us, there are some elective procedures you may wish to have performed.

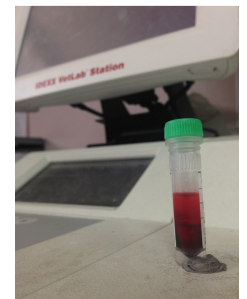


Microchipping: While a microchip can be implanted at any time, many people find it convenient to have this done while their pet is under anaesthesia. A microchip is a tiny silicon chip implanted under the skin

providing a permanent means of identification for your pet.

Pre-Anaesthetic Blood Testing: Every pet undergoing an anaesthetic will have a full physical examination to look for any existing medical conditions that might complicate the procedure or compromise your pet's health. As in human medicine, while the physical exam is important, it cannot provide a complete picture of a pet's physical condition. Consequently, we recommend pre-anaesthetic testing. The pre-anaesthetic tests provide insight as to what is occurring internally and could uncover health concerns which cannot be detected from the physical exam alone. While these tests do not guarantee the absence of complications, they do minimise the possibility of complications during and after anaesthesia. If you elect to have these tests performed we will take a blood sample on admission to hospital with the results available 20 minutes later.

Nail trims are complimentary under anaesthesia and your pets nails may be trimmed if indicated.



Pre-Admission Checklist



- I have my admission appointment time.
- My dog has been bathed and flea treated, my cat has been flea treated.
- My pet has been fasted according to requirements.
- I have details of how I can be contacted during the day.
- I have any medications or special diets my pet may need during their stay.
- I have arranged, or my nurse will arrange a discharge appointment.
- I understand that my nurse will phone me once the procedure is complete, but I am also welcome to phone at any time for an update or if I have any questions.

Your pets' surgery is booked for:

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Please ensure your dog comes to the clinic on a secure lead...



Or your cat in a carrier.



You can find more information and consent forms at our website: www.zillmerevet.com