

After the procedure

After the anaesthetic one of our dedicated nursing staff will stay with your animal to ensure they have a comfortable recovery. Our nurse will then call to inform you how your pet is and will book you an appointment with either a nurse or a vet for discharge.



We generally book discharge appointments from late afternoon onwards, to allow your animal time to sleep off the anaesthetic.

At the discharge appointment we will discuss pain relief, collars to prevent self trauma, what to expect during recovery, suture removal (if necessary) and when to bring your animal back for a check, along with answering any questions you may have.

Appointment:

Consulting Times

Hillock Lane Surgery

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 7pm

Saturday
8.30am to 1pm



Blackpool Surgery

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 6pm

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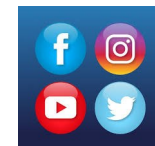
Pre-Operative Care

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Introduction

Having your beloved pet anaesthetised can be a daunting experience but here at Rowan we would like to put your mind at rest.

We have a dedicated team of vets and nurses to monitor your animal throughout the procedure, providing them with all the attention they require.

Anaesthetic information

Anaesthetics are drugs which are given either by injection and/or inhalation. They are used every day in general practice and are important for us to carry out procedures safely and effectively.

All anaesthetic procedures carry a small amount of risk. This risk is assessed prior to the anaesthetic by the vet performing the clinical examination. Based on our findings we can adjust the drugs we use to suit your animal's individual needs. Certain groups of animals may be at an increased risk—such as the elderly, sick or obese.

The night before an anaesthetic

It is important that you withhold food from your animal from mid-night the night before (unless otherwise stated). This is to prevent the production of vomit under anaesthetic which your pet could then inhale. Water is allowed overnight and any medication that your pet is receiving should be given as usual.

If your animal is on medication, please inform the vet on admission what time they have last received it.



Rabbits

It is not necessary to withhold food or water from rabbits prior to anaesthesia, as they are unable to vomit.

Please bring some of your rabbits usual diet to encourage eating as soon as possible. This is to assist in maintaining a healthy gastrointestinal tract.

If your rabbit is bonded to another rabbit, it is important to bring both rabbits to the surgery. This can minimise stress in the pre-operative period.

Please inform the vet or nurse if your rabbit prefers to drink from a bowl or a bottle.

Admission process

An appointment will be made for you to bring your pet in to be admitted by the vet. We will ensure that we have your correct details and go through the required paperwork. We will also weigh your pet to ensure the correct doses of drugs are used.

There are a few options to choose from before signing the consent form.

Pre-anaesthetic bloods

We recommend a blood sample to determine the status of your animal's organ functions and their ability to tolerate an anaesthetic. It enables us to tailor the anaesthetic we use to your animals individual needs which reduces the risks. We would strongly recommend bloods if your pet is aged over 7, is obese, showing signs of ill health or has a pre-existing medical condition.

If the bloods are normal we know that the anaesthetic can be given with minimal risk.



If the bloods are abnormal we will call you to discuss the results. It will help us to identify any underlying health problems that may not yet be evident. In these cases we would usually recommend putting your animal on a drip to reduce the risks of any complications.

Intravenous fluid therapy (drip)

Any patient will benefit from fluid therapy when given an anaesthetic. Fluids help to maintain the blood pressure so keeping the animal stable. It also improves hydration, reduces toxin build up, provides support for the organs and reduces recovery times.

Fluids are highly recommended in cases where blood results have highlighted an underlying abnormality, the procedure is expected to take a long time or if the patient is elderly.

Additionally, we can also ensure all the essentials are up to date, such as:

- Worming
- Flea treatment
- Clip nails
- Vaccination administration
- Microchip (reduced cost)

After admitting your pet we will take a blood sample and/or put him/her on fluids if requested before getting them settled in a comfy kennel.

