

Please read these notes if your rabbit, guinea pig, bird, rat or mouse is scheduled for surgery.

This information sheet is to help you prepare for the procedure and to make sure everything goes smoothly on the day. We are here to help and if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Rabbits and other small pets can be fragile creatures. Compared to cats and dogs, they are more prone to stress from handling and from being in unfamiliar situations. As a result, an anaesthetic for these pets can be a little more involved. We use specialised anaesthetic equipment and protocols to ensure your pet has the safest anaesthetic possible.

Pre-anaesthetic instructions

Rabbits and other small pets do not need to have food withheld before an anaesthetic as we would for dogs and cats. It is important that they continue to eat the night before and the morning of surgery to keep their stomach and intestines moving. It is also important that they eat immediately after waking up from their anaesthetic. For this reason we ask that you bring a small amount of their usual food to the clinic with them on the morning of the surgery. We don't want to suddenly change their diet by feeding something different in hospital.

Please check your pet's surgical admission time and allow 15 minutes for your pet to have a physical examination and to discuss the procedure with the vet. Feel free to ask any questions during this time.

If your pet is taking medication, give the normal dose at the usual time unless otherwise directed.

Other considerations

While your pet is in hospital for the day, consider whether any other procedures need to be done at the same time, such as:-

- › Vaccination for calicivirus for rabbits
- › Microchipping
- › Nail trim
- › Dental check

Payment must be made on the day when you pick up your pet. Please ask for an estimate of the expected fees and other charges that will be incurred on the day.

Important things to remember

- › Do not fast your pet overnight, encourage eating.
- › Bring a small amount of your pet's regular food with you on the morning of the procedure.
- › Bring a toy or a something familiar (old clothing etc.) with your pet.
- › Make sure your rabbit is up to date with calicivirus vaccinations.

Please feel free to contact us on **5986 1555** if you have any further questions.