



## Dental Surgery Preadmission Information

### **Specialist Dental Surgery with Dr Rebecca Nilsen**

If you have not been provided with an estimate, please contact The Smiling Pet - [r.nilsen@thesmilingpet.com.au](mailto:r.nilsen@thesmilingpet.com.au)

### **Deposit Required at admission - 50%**

Please take a few moments to read through this information sheet. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff members.

### **Preadmission Instructions**

Please ensure that your pet has not had any food after 9pm the night before the surgery. Water should be made available at all times.

If your pet is currently on any medication, please bring these with you on the day of the surgery.

### **The Admission Process**

Please allow 10-15 minutes for the admission process. If a consultation with a veterinarian is required before admission, please allow an additional 30 minutes (a total of 45 minutes) for this.

The theatre nurse will detail the day's procedure and ask you to answer a series of questions prior to admission.

You will be provided with a cost estimate if requested. For non routine procedures, a deposit of 50% of the estimate will be required upon admission. The surgeon will phone you if the cost will vary from this estimate by more than 10%.

It is hospital policy for you to take home any leads or collars after your pet is admitted, so they are not damaged or misplaced. All of our patients are provided with soft bedding, so please do not bring any personal items such as bedding or toys.

### **Pre-Surgical Care**

Your pet will receive a TPR (Temperature, pulse and respiration) examination prior to sedation for anaesthesia. A small amount of hair will be clipped off of your pet's front leg. An intravenous catheter is placed to help administer the induction anaesthetic and fluid therapy.

Comprehensive blood and urine testing is performed on your pet prior to under going an anaesthetic. This allows us to check kidney and liver function to help manage the anaesthetic. This test is performed on site in our hospital laboratory.

Pre-surgery medication helps to alleviate stress and pain in your pet prior to surgery, as well as to assist with anaesthesia. All drugs are calculated according to your pet's physical condition, age and weight. We understand the importance of pain relief and keeping pets comfortable during their hospital stay and once they are home. All surgical patients receive pain relief prior to surgery and will be provided with pain relief after surgery if required.

### **Surgical Care**

Intravenous fluids are administered during surgery to maintain your pet's blood pressure and to allow enough oxygen to



be supplied to the body tissues during surgery. Recovery times are generally shorter for animals having fluid therapy. Surgery is performed in a dedicated theatre suite with a heated surgery table to maintain your pet's body temperature throughout the operation. Registered nurses constantly monitor your pets anaesthesia using up to date monitoring equipment. This equipment measures heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, tissue oxygenation and carbon dioxide levels. All instruments are sterilised prior to use, surgical kits are not shared between patients and syringes and needles are all single use.

Once your pet has been anaesthetised an endotracheal (ET) tube will be placed into the windpipe. This allows us to maintain your pet on a gaseous anesthetic (isofluorane) which is an extremely safe form of maintenance anaesthesia.

Your pet will be monitored constantly by a theatre nurse until the ET tube is removed and he/she is awake. Our recovery area is heated and very comfortable. Once your pet is awake, we will give you a call. If you have not been contacted by 4pm please call the hospital on 6318-5300.

One of our theatre nurses or surgeons will let you know your pets progress and arrange a time for you to collect them. This is usually between 4-6pm if your pet is in for a day surgery. Some patients may need to stay overnight so we can monitor their recovery further. Your pet's comfort and wellbeing is our primary concern.

### **Discharge**

Please allow approximately 15 minutes for your pet's discharge appointment. He/she will be discharged by one of the vets or nurses. They will discuss the care of the mouth following the dental procedure. We will also provide you with after-care notes on how to look after your pet the first few days after the surgery, and will follow this up with a 2 week post dental check.

**Payment must be made in full at the time of discharge from the hospital. We accept all major credit cards, Eftpos and cash. Please be aware that we do not accept cheques.**

If you have any further enquires regarding your visit to Vet24 please do not hesitate to contact the hospital on 6318-5300.