

Pre-Surgery Instructions



What to do with food and water?

Long-nosed adult dogs and adult cats

Feed normally the day before surgery and ideally a snack of wet food at midnight. The evening meal should ideally be wet food (eg. Applaws or just boiled chicken).

Short-nosed adult dogs

The day before surgery, please make the last meal at 22:00, no later. The evening meal should ideally be wet food (eg. Applaws or boiled chicken).

Puppies and kittens (<5-6mths)

Should be fed normally the day before surgery. The evening meal should ideally be wet food (eg. Applaws or boiled chicken). On the morning of surgery give a small amount (approx. one third of daily requirements) of wet food at 05:00 a.m..

Diabetics

Should be fed normally on the day before surgery, with their usual food and normal insulin dose. No more food should be given overnight. Do not feed or give insulin on the morning of surgery.

Rabbits

Please do not starve, continue to feed as normal. Bring in a bowl of their normal food with them for admission.

Medication and prescription diets

Please bring any medication or prescription diet (we cannot take raw food due to our health and safety policy) along on the day of surgery, even if your pet is not staying overnight. Please ensure that, if someone else is bringing in your pet on your behalf, they are aware of your pets' medication regime and timings (including medication already given that day), and the amount of food needed for each feed.

Admission timings

Please be at Optivet Referrals at 07:30 a.m., or at the time arranged prior to admit. If the doors are not open when you arrive, please ring the bell.

Extra information

Before bringing your dog in for admission, please ensure you take them for a wander to allow them to relieve themselves. Please keep cats in overnight the evening before surgery to prevent them from eating anything whilst out, or not being around to be brought in.

We recommend that after most surgeries (except eyelid surgery), your dog should be walked on a harness at all times to prevent an increase of intra-ocular pressure.

Insurance

Please bring your insurance policy and claim form with the necessary areas filled in and signed.