



## So your pet is having Surgery

At MVH we care very much for each animal whom we meet and treat. When a pet needs to be admitted to our hospital for any procedure you can be assured they will get first class attention and veterinary care.

There are a number of things that you, as their owner, can do to help the day run as smoothly and efficiently as possible. In this way your pet can be back at home with you as early as is reasonably possible.

Things that you can do include:

1. Booking hospital stays at the front desk as far ahead as possible.
2. Making sure that your pet has no access to food for at least 12 hours before arrival at the clinic, they can have water overnight but this should be removed in the morning.
3. Bringing your pet into the clinic on time, mostly we need them to arrive between 8.45am and 9.30am in the morning. Please also walk dogs before they arrive for the day.
4. Most animals settle down and relax quite quickly after their owners have left the clinic and with the help of pre-anaesthetic medication. We settle them into a comfortable bed and are then able to give them a thorough physical examination and complete any pre-anaesthetic tests that may be required.
5. Have one family member as the primary contact, who can phone the clinic between 3pm and 4pm when we will be able to advise what time we expect your pet will be ready to be discharged from hospital.

It takes quite a few hours for animals to fully recover from the effects of an anaesthetic. We suggest preparing a warm and quiet place to settle them into once home and recommend that cats are kept inside for at least the first 48 hours post anaesthesia.