

<b>ABBEY VETERINARY</b>		
	<b>GROUP</b>	

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*Consulting Times*  
Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 10.30am, 2pm to 3.30pm  
and 5pm to 6.30pm

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*Late surgery:*  
Monday and Thursday 5pm to 8pm  
Saturday 8.30am to 10.30am  
and 1.30pm to 2.30pm

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**Other times by appointment**

## **SURGICAL APPOINTMENTS/PROCEDURES**

Owner's name .....

Pet's name .....

Appointment date and time .....

Procedure .....

Estimated cost.....

Like you, our greatest concern is the well being of your pet.  
If you are anxious about any aspect of your pet's treatment,  
please speak to one of our vets or nurses prior to the procedure.

**Our aim is to treat your pet as if they were our own.**

In the meantime, we trust that the following information helps.

**Please bring this card with you to your appointment.**

## **BEFORE THE OPERATION**

Do not give food after 6pm on the evening before the operation. Water, however, should be available all night.

Try, if possible, to allow your pet to toilet in the morning.

Please come to the surgery between 8.30am and 9.30am and allow up to ½ hour for your admittance consultation.

You will be asked to confirm your details, provide a contact phone number and sign a consent form. You may wish to request an estimate of cost at this time.

You will also need to decide, after discussion, whether your pet would benefit from pre-anaesthetic blood testing and/or the use of special anaesthetics.

More information can be obtained by speaking to one of our vets or on our website: [www.abbey-vetgroup.co.uk](http://www.abbey-vetgroup.co.uk)

Consent forms can be viewed/downloaded from the website in advance, which may make things easier on the morning of the operation.

## **BLOOD TESTING**

A simple blood test, run on one of our biochemistry analysers will give us information on your pet's liver, kidneys, sugar and protein levels within 10 minutes. Hidden health problems can occasionally be revealed.

This pre-anaesthetic test can improve the safety of the procedure for your pet, especially for those over seven years old.

It is possible that the results of blood tests prompt us to modify your pet's procedure or they may cause us to cancel or postpone it to allow further investigation.

We will always do what we think is best for your pet.

## **ALTERNATIVE ANAESTHETICS**

PROPOFOL is used to induce anaesthesia by intravenous injection. It is rapidly broken down in the body, so recovery from anaesthesia is quicker and smoother. It is especially recommended for elderly patients and those with small amounts of body fat, such as puppies, lurchers and other lean breeds.

SEVOFLURANE is a gaseous anaesthetic that allows changes in depth of anaesthesia to be made quickly and easily. Again, it can be suitable for our older patients, exotic pets and those at high risk.

The vet in charge of your pet will help you make the right choice for you and can advise of the additional cost involved.

## THE OPERATION

Soon after you leave your pet with us, they will be examined and weighed. An injection will be given, which will make them feel calm, settled and less anxious. Their nurse will make them feel comfortable and cosy in their own hospital kennel, where they will be allowed to relax prior to their procedure.

Operations usually begin around 10.30am, although emergencies will naturally be given priority over more routine procedures.

While the vet is operating, your pet will be carefully and individually monitored by the theatre nurse who is trained in anaesthesia.

Post operatively, your pet will be returned to their hospital kennel and monitored throughout their recovery.

## AFTER THE OPERATION

We ask that you contact the surgery for an update around 2pm when we will agree on a suitable time for you to collect your pet and discuss their aftercare.

An accurate cost can be provided at this time.

On arrival at the surgery, we request that you settle your account prior to collecting your patient. This allows you to concentrate on our individual discharge instructions and thereafter return your pet home without unnecessary delay.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit/debit cards.

For insured animals, we request payment as normal. Our receptionists will then help you to complete any insurance forms.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Surgical appointments cancelled within 24 hours may incur a charge.

If you have any questions it may be helpful for you to note them here:-

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## Instructions Following Anaesthesia/Sedation

You will be given more detailed, personal instructions by a vet or nurse when you collect your pet.

1. Your pet has had a general anaesthetic/sedation and may be sleepy and so should be allowed peace and quiet for the next 12 – 24 hours. Excessive drowsiness should be reported.
2. An area on the leg or neck may have been clipped of hair to allow an intravenous injection.
3. On the night following the anaesthetic, please feed little and often, according to your post operative instructions. Water can be given little and often.
4. It is very important that your pet is not allowed to lick or scratch at any sutures or wound. We recommend the use of Elizabethan collars.
5. Exercise should be restricted until any sutures have been removed.
6. Sutures are normally removed after 7-10 days, unless otherwise instructed.
7. Please use any medication prescribed according to the instructions.
8. Wound breakdown/reaction can occur for a number of reasons. Please report any swelling, discharge, redness or other abnormality as soon as possible.
9. Remember that advice or reassurance can be sought at any time by telephoning the surgery. Paisley 0141 887 4111, Greenock 01475 721155.
10. Special Instructions

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