



Collaroy Veterinary Services

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Information sheet

How should I prepare my pet for surgery?

Most pets will have an operation at some stage in their life, eg for neutering (spaying or castration) or to treat a disease. Nowadays most operations on dogs and cats are fairly safe but the success of treatment and recovery depends to some extent on the quality of care that the owner gives before and after the operation.

The risks of any complications during or after surgery have been much reduced by improvements in surgical techniques and in the safety of the anaesthetics used. Since the stress of an operation can lower your pet's resistance to infectious disease check that his/her vaccinations are up-to-date before it has surgery.

Vomiting is dangerous when your pet is under anaesthetic and to reduce the risk of this you will have been asked not to give your pet and food after about 8.00pm the previous evening but water should be freely available until the time you leave home.

When your pet is admitted for the operation, you will usually be told a time when you can ring to check your pet's progress.