

AMV Pre-Operative Guidance Notes (01453 543516)

Date:

Admission/Collection Time:

Procedure:

To be carried out by:

Estimated fees (in addition to any outstanding balance you may already have): £

These notes are to confirm your pet's appointment and to help you prepare for the day. Adhering to these guidance notes will make your pet's stay with us as comfortable and safe as possible.

Bringing your pet to us

Please make sure dogs are on leads and if they are wearing a collar that is not so loose fitting that your pet can escape. Cats should be in a secure carrier from which they cannot escape.

Toilet

Please give your pet an opportunity to pass motions and urine before coming to us. If you have had to keep your cat indoors then please make sure it has had access to a litter tray. Dogs should have had a walk and gone to the toilet. Quite often dogs don't go to the toilet when they are simply let out into the garden and dogs tend to rest better if they have had at least a short walk before they are kennelled for the day.

Food

Your pet should have no food after 8pm the evening before your appointment.

Water

Water should not be withheld. Normal water intake right until you leave home is fine.

Medication

If your pet is on medication then please continue to give this right up until admission. If your pet has tablets or medicines due in the morning then please give these before you come. If they need to be given with food then a small spoonful of food, just enough to put the medicine in should be given as early as possible that morning. Your pet should **NOT** be fed a whole meal with its medication. If you are in any doubt then please check with us beforehand.

When leaving your pet it is important to tell us what medication your pet is taking and when it was last given.

Fees and Payment

Please note estimated fee at the top of the page. Payment is expected at the time of collection unless you are an account holder or have made a prior arrangement with the practice. Please tell us **BEFOREHAND** if you have any problems with, or questions about, fee settlement.

Admission

Please expect to spend a few minutes with us going through some questions and filling out a consent form. This involves explaining what will be done to your pet and explaining any risks involved. This is also your last opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about the procedure. If there is anything else that you would like done while your pet is with us then please ask at admission and it can be added to your pet's form at the time.

You will be asked to sign a consent form which consists of:

1. Details of what procedure(s) will be done to your pet
2. Details of any risks involved
3. Your acceptance of estimated fees and your intention to pay them

Contacting you

Please leave us a contact number where you can be reached during the day should we need to speak to you.

Your pet's stay with us

Some procedures require no sedation or anaesthesia. These patients are kennelled for the day and offered water and attention as needed. Dogs are given short walks and toilet breaks through the day.

Pets having anaesthetics receive a pre anaesthetic check and are then given a sedative and pain relief. This relaxes them and makes them feel sleepy. This drowsy state continues after they have had their procedure and we like to keep them until they are alert and bright enough to go home. Sometimes pets can still be a little sleepy when they are discharged but should always be well enough to have back at home. We have the facilities to keep your pet overnight should you be concerned or prefer your pet to stay with us or should we feel that your pet will be better with us for immediate post operative care.

Your pet will not go hungry all day as, unless their procedure involves post-operative starving, all pets are offered food as soon as they are awake and able to take food.

Collection of your pet

Let us know when you will be able to collect your pet. We will normally make arrangements to speak to you during the course of the day to let you know about your pet's progress and to finalise a definite time of collection.

After care for your pet

Specific instructions relating to your pet and the procedure carried out will be given to you on collection of your pet.

General advice can be found on our web site (www.armstrongmobilevets.co.uk) fact sheet: 'Post-operative care and management'. Please ask for a printed copy if you need one.