



Pre-anaesthetic blood tests & Intravenous fluids help reduce the risks of anaesthesia and improve recovery. We recommend them for every pet.

What are the benefits of pre-anaesthetic blood tests ?

They ensure your pet has no hidden or underlying health problems, which if undetected, could affect the safety of anaesthesia. An added benefit is that we will have a baseline to tell us what is normal for your pet. This baseline can help us differentiate between the 'normals' and 'abnormals' from future blood tests.

How do intravenous (IV) fluids help my pet ?

General anaesthesia tends to lower the body's blood pressure which could compromise the blood or oxygen supply to important organs. IV fluids maintain a higher, healthier & safer blood pressure. They also flush bodily wastes and drugs out of the bloodstream faster, which means a quicker and smoother recovery for your pet.





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Your pet has been booked in on

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Rest assured that your pet is in safe hands at Mt Evelyn Vet Hospital. To ensure maximum safety and comfort during their anaesthetic procedure we do all of the following:

-  Recommend pre-anaesthetic blood tests (\$_____) & Intravenous IV fluids (\$_____) for all patients undergoing routine anaesthesia (see reverse for why it's important)
-  Physically assess all animals at admission
-  Place an intravenous catheter to allow IV fluids or drugs to be administered
-  Have a nurse dedicated to monitoring physical signs as well as blood pressure & oxygen saturation levels during anaesthesia
-  Administer appropriate pain relief, continuing for several days as needed.



Pre-Surgery Checklist

- Read the information about pre-anaesthetic blood tests and IV fluids. At admission, you will be asked whether you'd like your pet to have them.
- Ensure your pet is clean. A bath and dry at the clinic in the days prior to their surgery is ideal.
- Do not feed your pet after 10pm the night before surgery. Water is fine.
- Give your pet the chance to go to the toilet before arriving at the clinic.
- Admission time is 8:30 - 8:45am. Please allow 15 minutes for consent forms, estimates and a physical health check by a vet or veterinary nurse.
- Most pets can be picked up the same day. Discharge times vary, but are usually between 5 - 7pm. This will be confirmed by phone during the day.