

\_\_\_\_\_ is booked in for \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

Here at Oakham Vets we understand that bringing your pet in for an operation can be stressful for both you and your pet. We want to help make the experience better so we'd like to reassure you that your pet is in very capable hands and will be monitored by an experienced and qualified veterinary team throughout the duration of your pet's stay.

The following instructions need to be followed to make sure your pet undergoes the operation in the optimum condition:

- We need to ensure your pet is safe during anaesthesia and to do this, your pet must have an empty stomach - please do not feed your pet after midnight the night before the operation. Not even a little treat! For any species water is allowed right up to admission and it is important never to restrict food for rabbits & guinea pigs and only to restrict ferrets 4 hours before admission.
- It's important to carry on with your pet's normal medication routine, unless instructed otherwise by your vet - give your pet their medication at the usual times. If your pet is diabetic please ask the veterinary surgeon for special instructions (to be filled in at the bottom).
- To avoid stress please be on time for your admission appointment, rushing will upset you and your pet. Allow 10 minutes for the admission appointment during which time a vet or nurse will perform a pre-surgical examination to make sure your pet is safe and well and talk through any questions you might have. It might be a good idea to write down any questions you have beforehand and bring them with you when you come. After this appointment, your pet will be taken through to the prep area for pre-op sedation and then taken to their own kennel to relax before the operation.
- When your pet goes home it may need either a buster collar or a t-shirt during the recovery period, these are at an additional cost. Please discuss your preference with the vet during admission.
- It's a really good idea to let your pet go to the toilet before you arrive at the vets, unless your vet has instructed otherwise. Please let us know if this has not been possible, so one of our team can allow your pet some toilet time before the operation.
- Is your pet clean? Dirty or muddy fur can compromise a sterile surgery environment, putting your pet at risk of infection. Please groom or bath your pet a day or so before bringing them in.

We hope that we have put your mind at rest. Remember, we are always here to answer any questions you might have so don't hesitate to call us on: **01572 722646**. When your pet has woken up from their operation and is in recovery, we will call you to let you know how it all went and to arrange a collection time. When you collect your pet, please allow some time to go through any instructions and medication you may have to take home with you.

**Special Instructions:**

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