



Is your dog having general anaesthesia?

Here's what to expect...

Please ensure your Dog has been **starved for 6 hours** and has been out to the toilet. Do not withhold water.

Your pet's day:

Your dog will have an appointment to arrive at the Bristol school of veterinary science. **Before you arrive, please ensure you have completed the mobility questionnaires in the participants section of the website.** Upon arrival please come to Langford veterinary services Small animal hospital reception.

Your pet will be admitted by James Hunt (Veterinary surgeon) and Helen Jenkins (Veterinary Nurse) who will discuss what is going to happen on the day and check that they have all the required information from you. We will also ask you to sign a consent form to allow your dog to be included in the study. There will be plenty of time to answer any questions that you may have. It is important for us to know if your pet is on any medication and when it was last administered. During the appointment we will also ask you to complete the mobility questionnaires you have done previously.

After admission your dog will be given a full check up by James to ensure that he / she is well enough to be anaesthetised. After administration of a sedative drug to calm and relax your pet we will place an intravenous catheter into your dog's vein to allow delivery of fluids during the anaesthesia and for administration of anaesthetic drugs. This will require a small area of hair to be shaved on one forelimb. The fluids help to maintain hydration and a normal blood pressure throughout the anaesthetic. James and Helen will monitor the anaesthetic very carefully to ensure the well being of your dog at all times.

Once the assessments (radiography and sensory assessment) are completed your dog will be allowed to recover from the anaesthetic in a quiet, comfortable kennel under close observation. Once awake your dog will be observed closely, offered water and walked outside to urinate/defecate.

We will contact you, before 3pm to update you on your dog and arrange a convenient home time depending on their recovery. If you have not received a phone call by 3pm then please call: 07510 993922.

Please note: - Ensure you are contactable throughout the day of the assessment. We will confirm a contact number with you on admission.

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