



Working with communities to provide accessible and affordable veterinary care.

IMPORTANT PRE-SURGICAL INFORMATION

Fasting:

- ADULT cats and dogs must be fasted prior to surgery. This means NO FOOD after 10:00pm the night before surgery. Ensure they have access to water at all times.
- **KITTENS and PUPPIES under 16 weeks of age should be fed dinner the night before surgery AND fed a small breakfast (1 tablespoon of soft food) around 7:00am the morning of surgery.** Ensure they have access to water at all times.

Identification:

- If you are bringing multiple cats/kittens/puppies in a single carrier, they must be identified in some way. Different coloured collars or paper wrist bands with names written on them are good options.

Admission for desexing:

- Admit time varies based on location. Please follow the instructions in your appointment reminder e-mail. All animals must be present, identified, and in secure carriers at that time. **Failure to arrive on time may result in cancellation of your appointment with no refund.**
- In line with common practice, all animals being desexed will receive a tattoo Ø in their ear.

Pre-anaesthetic blood tests:

- Pre-anaesthetic blood tests increase patient safety by alerting the veterinarian to underlying conditions that might not be obvious but could still cause a complication. As a low-cost, mobile desexing service, we **do not** offer pre-anaesthetic blood tests. You have the option of attending a local veterinary clinic for a pre-anaesthetic blood test prior to the appointment with us. If you choose to do this, please bring a copy of the results to your appointment.

Risks and complications:

- While all professional care and attention will be given to each animal, inherent risks exist with any procedure, including unexpected complications and loss of life. General risks include anaesthetic complications, surgical bleeding, surgical complications, infection, and drug reactions.
- All anaesthesia involves a minor risk however this risk has been greatly reduced since the development of modern anaesthetics. Risks are higher in older animals and those with early or undetected disease. There are specific risks associated with certain pre-existing conditions. *You must tell us about any known pre-existing conditions as well as provide us with information about any medications they may be taking.* Please discuss any concerns you may have with the veterinary nurse.
- Most problems during anaesthesia arise due to side effects of anaesthetic drugs which cause the animal's blood pressure to drop. This leads to poor blood flow to major organs. We reduce the likelihood of these problems with a carefully selected anaesthetic drug protocol and placing at-risk patients on intravenous fluids (a drip) throughout the procedure. Each anaesthetic is monitored closely by a veterinary nurse.

CONSENT FOR SURGERY/TREATMENT

- I hereby certify that I am the owner/agent of the patient/s described and being a person over 18 years of age; I have the authority to execute this consent.
- I hereby consent to the surgical desexing of my pet/s.
- I understand that I am electing to attend a low-cost desexing clinic and therefore am not able to have a pre-anaesthetic diagnostic blood profile performed on my pet/s. I understand that I have the option of attending a regular veterinarian for a pre-anaesthetic blood profile prior to my appointment.
- The nature and purpose of the procedure/s has been explained to me and I understand what will be done. I have had the opportunity to discuss the treatment plan/surgery and any options. I understand potential complication and prognosis associated with said procedure/s. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the nature, extent and purpose of the proposed treatment/surgery. I have been given sufficient time and information to make an informed decision.
- I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above Important Information. I understand that inherent risks exist, including unexpected complications and loss of life, and authorise the performance of any additional procedures as deemed necessary should unforeseen complications arise.
- **I understand that payment in full is required prior to the appointment and that if I fail to attend the appointment or arrive after the admission time has ended, I will not receive a refund.**
- I understand that there are requirements for after-care following the procedure and am committed to following post-operative instructions to minimize the risk of complications.
- I understand that I am electing to attend a mobile desexing clinic that does not provide post-operative care. **I understand that if I have any concerns about my pet/s after surgery, I am responsible for contacting or attending a local veterinary clinic at my own expense.**
- I hereby certify that I am legally authorised to present the patient/s described for the procedure/s outlined.

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YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A COPY OF THIS CONSENT FORM WHEN ADMITTING YOUR PET(S) FOR DESEXING