

It is only natural to worry if your pet is to undergo an anaesthetic for a surgical procedure, but with modern anaesthetics and equipment and the best possible care of your pet, complications are kept to a minimum.

The information below is to prepare your pet for his/her procedure. If you have any queries please ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Evening before operation

No food to be given after 10pm. Provide cats with a litter tray and keep them in overnight.

Morning before the operation

No food or drink to be given. Please allow dogs to urinate and defecate before being brought to the surgery. Animals are admitted between 8.30am and 9.30am.

Consent form

All procedures require written consent to be given by the owner of the pet. You will be given a consent form which outlines the procedure to be carried out and an estimate of the cost. This form also advises that all procedures carry a degree of risk and that you undertake to pay all fees due at the time of collection. Please read this and ask if you have any queries. You will then be required to sign the form prior to us carrying out the procedure. We will be happy to complete any insurance claims forms.

Pick up

A nurse will phone you between 1pm and 2pm to let you know how your pet is and to arrange a time for collection that afternoon.

After care

You will be given full post-operative instructions when you pick up your pet. Please feel free to ask any questions on the procedure your pet has undergone, or anything you are unsure of. A follow up appointment may be necessary, depending on the procedure.

Following major surgery or orthopaedic procedures, dogs should not be allowed to climb up and down stairs or jump on to chairs, etc. They should only be allowed in the garden on a lead.

Cats that have had major surgery or those wearing an Elizabethan collar should be confined to the house and a litter tray provided.

Dogs should be taken home by car.

Pre-anaesthetic testing

To ensure your pet can properly process and eliminate anaesthetic agents, we run blood tests to confirm that your pet's organs are functioning properly and to find hidden health conditions that could put your pet at risk.

The top three reasons to test your pet before anaesthesia:

1. Detect hidden illness.

Healthy looking pets may be hiding symptoms of a disease or ailment. Testing can help detect this kind of illness so we can avoid problems with anaesthesia.

2. Reduce risks and consequences.

If the pre-anaesthetic testing results are normal, we can proceed with confidence. If not, we can alter the anaesthetic procedure or take other precautions to safeguard your pet's health.

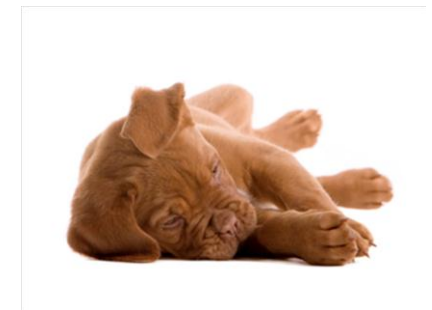
3. Protect your pet's future health.

These tests become part of your pet's medical record, providing a baseline for future reference.

NB Use of Sevoflurane

We now use Sevoflurane as our choice of inhaled anaesthetic for all pets. It is not licenced for use in cats, rabbits, rodents, reptiles & birds, but research has shown that its efficacy and safety margins are superior to licenced products commonly used.

If you have any queries regarding the use of Sevoflurane, please do not hesitate to talk to one of our vets prior to your pet's procedure.



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About us...

At Heene Road Vets we are really passionate about your pet's health, welfare and care.

We have a team of 3 vets, 6 nurses and 5 reception staff spread across our main surgery in Heene Road and our branch surgery in Goring Road.

All of our staff aims to provide the best possible care for your pets. In order to achieve and maintain our high standards we treat each case as an individual and provide your pets with the care and treatment which will best suit their needs.

The nurse clinics...

Our nurse clinics have now been running successfully for over 3 years. Your feedback has been superb and we know you value the advice and care our experienced veterinary nurses provide. The following clinics are available at both surgeries:

- **Weight watchers for pets**
- **Feeding advice**
- **Free adolescent checks**
- **Dental advice**

As well as the clinics, our nurses can also carry out all the routine procedures your pet requires; nail clips, anal gland emptying, teeth clips, worm / flea treatments, identi-chipping and many more! Please phone to make an appointment.

The surgeries and opening times...

Heene Road Surgery
206 Heene Road, Worthing,
West Sussex, BN11 4NT
Tel: 01903 200187

Monday to Friday - 8.30am - 6.30pm
Saturday - 8.30am - 1.00pm

For general enquiries:
Email: reception@heeneroadvets.co.uk

Goring Road Surgery
280 Goring Road, Goring,
West Sussex, BN12 4PE
Tel: 01903 242236

Monday to Friday - 9.00am - 12.00pm
Monday to Friday - 2.00pm - 6.30pm

For further information visit:
Website: www.heeneroadvets.co.uk

In the event of emergencies... **01903 200187**

Please call 01903 200187 and you will be seen as soon as possible or given telephone advice. Please note that we use Worthing Emergency Vets (based at Grove Lodge Veterinary Hospital) for emergencies arising out of hours. Clients should phone 01903 200187, and the telephone number for Worthing Emergency Vets will be on our recorded message.

General anaesthetics - Guidance notes for owners



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