

Options available on the day of surgery

- ◆ Pre-anaesthetic bloods (\$106.00)
- ◆ Intravenous fluids (\$80)
- ◆ Additional pain relief after desexing:
 - Cats (\$20)
 - Dogs under 30kg (\$25)
 - Dogs 30-40kg (\$30)
 - Dogs over 40kg (\$40)



Consultations are by appointment.

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On the day of surgery you will be given some options relating to your pet's care for the day. Any anaesthetic carries a risk, this risk increases with age and disease. We minimise the risk with a thorough clinical examination of your pet prior to the anaesthetic, and tailoring the anaesthetic to each individual. During the procedure and recovery your pet is closely monitored by nursing staff. There are some additional options for the day of surgery including: intravenous fluids, pre-anaesthetic blood work, and additional pain relief. The cost of these options is in addition to the standard price for a procedure.

Intravenous fluids

Your pet can be placed on intravenous fluids for the anaesthetic and recovery period. This helps to maintain their blood pressure during surgery and recovery, ensuring enough blood and oxygen gets to all the important organs. This is particularly important for older, overweight or sick patients, and any patient undergoing a long procedure. Intravenous fluids also make the recovery after the anaesthetic smoother and quicker.

Many short simple procedures have been done for a long time without intravenous fluids, however the benefits are now being recognised even for simple procedures like desexing.

At Orange Veterinary Hospital we strongly recommend any animal over 8 years of age having an anaesthetic is placed on intravenous fluids. For younger animals undergoing routine surgery this alternative is optional. The cost for this option is \$80.

Pre-anaesthetic blood work

Blood work performed before an anaesthetic provides information on how a patient's organs are functioning and their suitability for an anaesthetic. With this information the vet will determine if the patient is well enough for the anaesthetic, and if the type or dose of the drugs used needs to be adjusted. This option costs \$106.

The pre-anaesthetic profile is a set of bloods run at the clinic. There are several components to this blood work:

- ◆ The PCV is checked to assess the number of red blood cells. Anaemia and dehydration are two conditions that may be detected with this test
- ◆ Two kidney enzymes are checked– Urea and Creatinine. Together they give an indication of how well the kidneys are functioning. The kidneys are important for processing and removing drugs from the body.
- ◆ Two liver enzymes are checked– ALT and ALP. Together they give an indication of how well the liver is functioning. The liver is important for processing and removing drugs from the body.
- ◆ Glucose is checked– problems such as diabetes and low glucose may be identified.
- ◆ The total protein concentration of blood is determined. Abnormalities can indicate that a patient is dehydrated, a disease may be causing the patient to lose protein, or protein is not being produced normally.

The blood work for most young patients comes back normal. As animals get older we are more likely to find abnormalities. In some patients we may need to run more extensive blood and urine tests.

Additional pain relief

This option is only available for animals being desexed, but it is not suitable for cats under 6 months of age.

All animals undergoing surgery will be given an injection of pain relief on the day of surgery. You now have the option to purchase some tablets to provide an additional 3 days of pain relief for your pet at home. The tablets make your pet more comfortable during the initial recovery period. The tablets are non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAID)- they work to reduce swelling, heat, redness and pain.

There is a small risk of animals reacting to the medication. We ask owners to monitor for vomiting, diarrhoea, black faeces, and excessive drinking. If any of these signs are noticed after the first 12 hours at home we request that you stop the medication and call the clinic. You can reduce the chance of your animal reacting to the medication by giving the tablets with food.

The cost for this option is based on the type and size of your animal: cats \$20, dogs under 30kg \$25, dogs 30-40kg \$30, dogs over 40kg \$40.

If you have any questions about these options please speak to one of our staff members.

