

Take a close look at our

Anaesthetic Standard



We are happy to anaesthetise pets of all ages.

20 years of age is not too old for an anaesthetic.

- **ROUTINE BLOOD TEST** - We recommend a screening blood test on the day of surgery to check for underlying, hidden medical problems to ensure the best post-surgery recovery.
 - **GENTLE SEDATION AND INDUCTION.** All our anaesthetic patients are given a sedative and an analgesic right at the start. This is followed by induction using propofol, intubation and transfer to gas anaesthesia.
 - **THE SAFEST ANAESTHETIC.** We use isoflurane for all gas anaesthetics. It's expensive but is one of the safest inhalation anaesthetics currently available and allows very rapid recovery.
 - **FLUID THERAPY.** All pets over 7 years of age, and any pets that are unwell are given intravenous fluid therapy throughout the anaesthetic. I/v fluids help maintain kidney and liver function and speed recovery.
 - **CAREFUL MONITORING.** Pulse oximeter monitoring of heart rate and blood oxygen levels is routine. Our veterinary nurses carefully monitor all anaesthetics, stay with every patient until they are fully awake and keep written records of the anaesthetic progress.
 - **COMFORTABLE RECOVERY.** Our kennels are open for inspection at any time. It is possible for clients to settle their pets in our kennels as they arrive if they prefer, and to see them at any time during the recovery period.
 - **OPEN ANAESTHETIC POLICY.** We welcome any concerned pet owners to stay with their pet during anaesthetic induction and recovery if they so wish. This should be arranged in advance with reception. There is a charge for this service. It is also possible to stay with the anaesthetised pet during some surgical procedures. Please ask reception for details.
- We know of no other veterinary practice that offers this service.

An Anaesthetic Standard you can trust