



**A day in the life of your pet in our hospital ...**

**If your pet is booked in for an operation, we would like to show you what happens**

**[www.endellveterinarygroup.co.uk](http://www.endellveterinarygroup.co.uk)**



Your pet will be taken over to our operating suite by one of our vets or nurses.

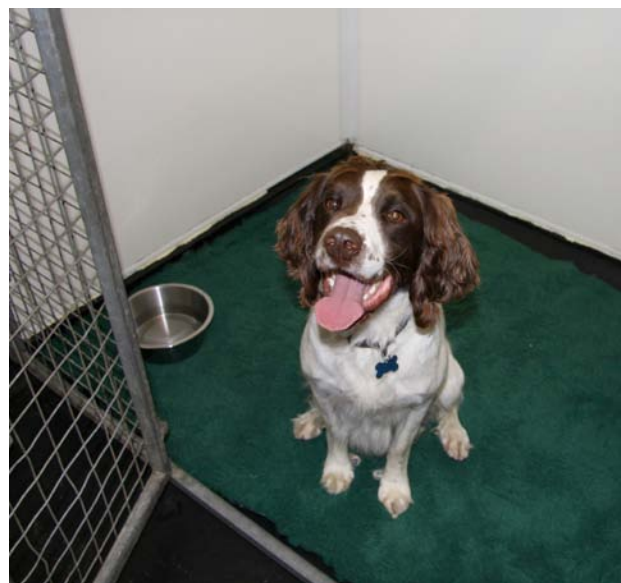


One of our qualified nurses then places an intra-venous catheter into one of the forelegs (dogs and cats only). This then means that we can safely and easily administer intravenous drugs, including the anaesthetic induction drug. This means minimal stress to your pet, as we then have to use only one needle. Having a catheter in place also means that we have instant intravenous access to administer medications in case of an emergency.



After owner consent, and if appropriate, we will then take a blood sample to make sure that your pet has no underlying problems that may affect his or her ability to cope with an anaesthetic or surgery. The blood sample is run in our in-house laboratory, so we are able to receive the results very quickly.

Once your pet has had his or her catheter placed and a blood sample drawn, one of our nurses then takes him or her to a warm, comfortable kennel. Fresh water is provided as it is important that your pet stays well hydrated prior to an anaesthetic. Cats are also provided with a litter tray and a comfortable bed, where they often feel more secure. We have separate kennel areas for dogs and cats to minimise stress to the cats.



Approximately forty minutes prior to the start of their operation, your pet will receive a pre-med by injection. This will have an anti-anxiety and sedative effect and reduce the total amount of anaesthetic required.

Once we have induced anaesthesia via the intravenous catheter, an endo-tracheal (breathing) tube is placed in your pet's trachea (windpipe). This enables us to give oxygen for your pet to breathe and anaesthetic gas via the anaesthetic machine to keep them asleep during the operation. We use the very latest in anaesthetic agents for your pet's safety and comfort.

At Endell Veterinary Group, we adhere to very strict anti-MRSA protocols. Although currently (unlike in the human medicine situation) MRSA is not a big problem in veterinary practice, we are keen for it to stay that way. We adhere to the strictest sterility standards and gowns, hats, masks and gloves are worn at all times in both of our operating theatres.





Once your pet's operation has finished, a nurse is on hand at all times to oversee recovery from anaesthesia. We have a dedicated nurse on the rota each day to work exclusively in the kennel area, ensuring your pet is supervised right up until he or she is ready to be collected.

When your pet is ready to be collected, a nurse will go through the relevant information with you and answer any questions that you may have. Your pet will also have a special certificate to go home with.



Endell Veterinary Group  
49 Endless Street  
SALISBURY  
Wiltshire  
SP1 3UH  
01722 333291

