

Pet Care Before Surgery

Bathing

In the few days before surgery you may like to give your pet a bath. If your pet has stitches in the course of the surgery, it will be unable to be bathed for two weeks following the surgery.

The Day Prior to Surgery

The day before surgery, your pet should be given a meal in the evening, then given *no further food* after 7pm. Restriction of food before surgery is important, as the drugs used in anaesthesia can cause your pet to vomit which may cause serious complications such as pneumonia.

Your pet should have access to water overnight, but water should be taken away first thing in the morning, so your pet does not have a full belly of water when coming into hospital.

Please take your pet for a short walk before coming in to the hospital to allow them to go to the toilet.

Pre-Surgery Checklist

The important points:

- Optional bath before surgery
- No food after 7pm the night before
- No water in the morning
- Walk in the morning

If you have any questions regarding your pet's procedure, please do not hesitate to call the Bendigo Animal Hospital team on 5443 3322.