

*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***