

Gastro-Intestinal Surgery

Pre-operative information for Gastro-intestinal Surgery

Before the procedure we would ask you to read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries accepted associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. We will discharge your pet with a buster collar, to be worn at all times, which can help reduce patient interference and post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Wound breakdown (partial or complete)
2. Wound infection
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
6. Damage to other internal organs
7. Suture material reaction
8. Wound breakdown of the stomach/intestine suture site
9. Peritonitis (infection in the abdomen)
10. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
11. Anaesthetic complication including death

We take great precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.

If a section of the intestines has become damaged/non-viable, as a result of the foreign body, it may be necessary to perform an enterectomy (removal of part of the gut). The cost of an enterectomy will be included in your estimate if it is known to be required, however, if required as an emergency procedure, we will attempt to contact you to discuss this and associated costs involved. However, if we cannot contact you either due to compromising of patient safety or due to lack of phone access, we will continue to go ahead with the procedure if it is medically needed.