

Mass or Tumour Removal

Pre-Operative Information for Mass or Tumour Removal

Please read this form carefully in conjunction with the consent form you will shortly be asked to sign. This is designed to give you (the owner) as much information as possible for the procedure you have elected. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries 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 the incidence of post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure
2. Wound breakdown or infection
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Damage to other structures such as nerves, ligaments and tendons
6. Suture material reaction
7. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
8. With a large mass in an area with little skin it may not be possible to close the skin edges. It would, therefore, be managed as an open wound with bandaging materials.
9. It may not be possible to achieve clear, tumour-free margins due to the size or location of the mass or because the mass has already seeded cells into the surrounding tissues. It is possible that the mass could re-grow at the site of removal or at another location(s). Analysis of the mass is recommended to ascertain whether or not, a surgical cure has been achieved.
10. Anaesthetic complication including death

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