

Consent forms:

Prior to the day of surgery, we will send your clinic our consent form for the scheduled procedure. It is important that you get the owner to read and sign this form as part of your admission process. We will collect this form when we arrive for surgery.

The day of surgery:

On the day of surgery, MASH will provide 3 members of staff: a nurse to run the anaesthesia, a specialist surgeon and a second nurse to be the surgical assistant.

We request that 15 minutes prior to our scheduled arrival, your team induce and begin prepping the patient for surgery – this process generally takes 30-40mins. Patient prep sheets are available from MASH for most procedures to guide this process.

The anaesthesia nurse will arrive ahead of the rest of our team to set up our equipment in theatre while your team are completing the patient prep.

Once your team has finished prepping the patient, placed a fentanyl patch, and administered an IV antibiotic, our team will check the prep and transfer the patient into theatre, taking over the patient care from your team.

After the surgery:

After surgery, our team will perform any required post op radiographs and then transfer the patient to the recovery ward, where we will transfer care back to your team for extubation and recovery.

Our nursing team will provide a full handover to your recovery nurse, including a written record outlining when any medications are next due and which medications are required to go home with the patient.

The surgeon will provide a verbal handover to your veterinary team and before leaving your clinic, we will email you the referral report along with discharge instructions to be provided to the owner.

The surgeon will also telephone the owner to let them know their pet is in recovery, update them with the findings from surgery and answer any questions they may have.



Should the owner have any further questions at discharge or during the recovery, feel free to contact us directly, and our team will arrange a phone consultation with the owner.