



I'm Having an Operation

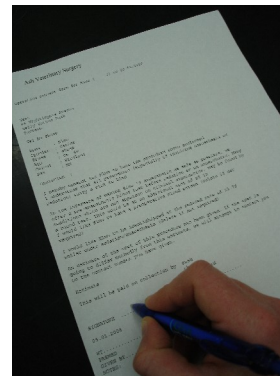


Hello, my name is Bryn. I am having an operation at Ash Veterinary Surgery. Would you like to come with me and see what happens whilst I'm at the surgery?



My owners sign a consent form to give permission for my anaesthetic. This means they know exact what procedures I am going to need whilst I am at the surgery.

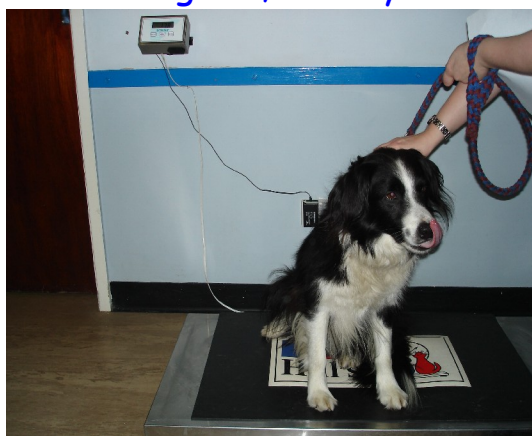
The vet or nurse takes a contact number - a telephone number that my owners can be reached on at any time during the day. This is very important, in case I am ready to go home early; I need extra tests done or there is any sort of problem.



They have the option of a blood sample to check my health before I go under the anaesthetic, to make things as safe as possible for me. This blood sample will pick up early changes in my organs or blood cells. It means extra safety precautions can be taken if required.

I can be identichipped whilst under anaesthetic too. This is nicer for me because I don't feel a thing.

I am weighed, so my dose of anaesthetic drugs and other treatments can be accurately calculated.



When I come into the prep room I am given a premed. This injection is a combination of sedative and painkiller, so I am relaxed and calm before my operation.

A bed is made up in kennel where I wait whilst my premed takes effect.

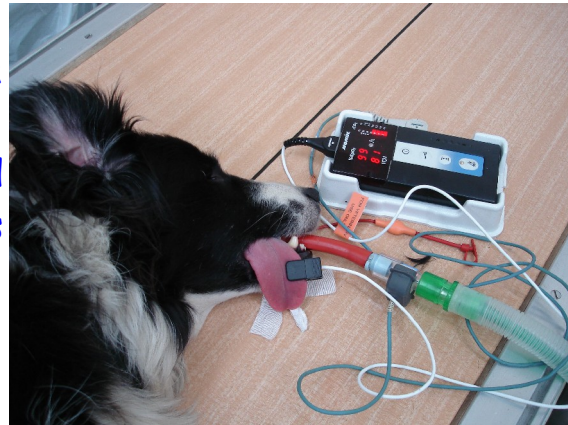


To induce my anaesthetic (send me to sleep), I am given an injection, into the vein in my front leg. This modern drug works quickly and wears off quickly as well, helping me to be back on my feet as soon as possible.

Once I am asleep, an endotracheal tube is placed in my throat to help me breath. I am connected to an anaesthetic machine, which gives me a mixture of oxygen and anaesthetic gas, so I stay asleep.



My anaesthetic is monitored by a nurse, who is at my side at all times. She has a pulse oximeter to help her. This is a machine which measures my heart rate, breathing rate and blood oxygen level. This makes my anaesthetic as safe as possible.



The same nurse who took care of me under the anaesthetic looks after me for the rest of the day. In this picture, you can see Moira looking after me.

After I have woken up from my anaesthetic, I am placed back in my kennel to recovery properly.



Soon, I'm awake enough for my owner to come to the surgery and take me home. A vet or nurse will discuss the investigations and treatment I needed when they come to collect me.

Operations take place at the main surgery in Merthyr Tydfil. They have nursing staff there to monitor anaesthetics, anaesthetic gas machines and kennels to allow a full recovery before we animals go home.