



Pre-Procedure Handout: Small Animals

- On admission, please complete all sections of the 3-page consent form, including all relevant information and signatures where indicated. One will be provided for you at your admission appointment, however, you can preview our forms here:
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/vet/rvh-visit>
- Fasting requirements: please follow the instructions given to you by RVH Staff. If you require clarification, call the hospital on 08 8313 1999 or visit
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/vet/rvh-visit>
- If your pet experiences anxiety or nervousness, particularly in a hospital setting, calming medication may be beneficial. Please speak with your veterinarian beforehand to ensure this is prescribed and administered appropriately. We recommend giving the prescribed dose the night before and again 2 hours prior to your hospital arrival.
- Pre-anaesthetic blood tests cannot be guaranteed on the day of the procedure. If your veterinarian has recommended these tests, it is important to have them completed in advance, ideally during a health check appointment. This ensures results are available prior to your pet's procedure.
- As part of the consent process, you will be asked to make a decision regarding CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) in the event of an emergency.

Basic CPR involves chest compressions and assisted breathing, similar to what a bystander might provide during a cardiac or respiratory arrest.

Advanced CPR includes airway support, breathing assistance, chest compressions, and emergency medications, as performed by veterinary professionals.

Please note: Return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) after CPR in veterinary patients is low. Studies suggest success rates for advanced CPR are approximately 5-10%.

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on
08 8313 1999 or vet.reception@adelaide.edu.au*