

Information for patient owners

Anesthesia preparations for CT-/DVT-examinations

As your pet must lie completely still during a CT/DVT-exam, it must be put under general anesthesia. In order to ensure an optimal preparation for the anesthesia, please take note of the following:

- On the day before the exam, offer more fluids than usual to your pet to drink, to ensure a good fluid balance (e.g. unsalted meat broth).
- On the day of the exam, you can offer your pet normal amounts of water up to 2 hours before the appointment.
- Your pet may eat up to 8 hours before the exam (unless prescribed otherwise).
- Please do not feed any food containing bones or calciferous food components such as egg shells or lime 48 hours before the exam, as these can influence the results.
- Rabbits, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters and the like are allowed to eat up until the appointment.
- If you notice any changes in the general condition of your pet on the day before or on the day of the exam, please inform us as quickly as possible.
- During anesthesia, your pet will be intubated for the so called inhalation anesthesia. This form of anesthesia enables an exact regulation of the anesthesia, is gentler for your pet and allows ventilation, should this become necessary. After the intubation, the windpipe may be slightly irritated and your pet may cough as a result for 1 to 2 days after the procedure.
- Dogs and cats are often restless after anesthesia. They may tremble, whine and howl. This is not an expression of pain but rather a possible reaction to the anesthesia.
- When your pet is fully awake, some water may be offered. A small portion of food can be offered 6 to 8 hours after the anesthesia (unless prescribed otherwise). Please wait for half an hour. If your pet vomits during this time, please do not give it any more food for the rest of the day. On the day after the exam, food can be given normally.
- Please contact us if the general condition of your pet is impaired after the anesthesia using the telephone number (030) 33 93 76 00 oder via email at praxis@tierarzt-rosin.de.