

CARING FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS



WILL DIABETES AFFECT MY PET'S CARE?

Patient care and wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us at Optivet, and all patients will receive bespoke care plans suited to their individual needs. If our patients are diabetic, we have a specific protocol we follow to ensure that your pet's condition is monitored throughout their stay.

WILL YOU STICK TO MY HOME ROUTINE?

Maintaining your home routine is important for your pet's emotional and physical wellbeing; it allows them a sense of predictability in an otherwise novel environment. Therefore, following your advice we will keep their routine as close as possible whilst in hospital.

HOW WILL SURGERY AFFECT MY DOGS GLUCOSE READINGS?

It is not uncommon to see uncontrolled glucose levels following anaesthetic and surgery, so your pet is closely monitored when with us. Likewise, sudden onset blindness can affect glucose control.

HOW DO WE MONITOR DIABETIC PATIENTS?

- Hourly glucose readings perioperatively
- Glucose monitoring every 30 minutes during surgery
- Arterial catheter placed during general anaesthetic to monitor glucose and continuous blood pressure, to avoid multiple blood samples from different sites

HOW CAN I HELP?

Please advise us on:

- What time you feed your pet and give their insulin
- The diet and amount of food you feed your pet
- If there is any particular way you administer the insulin. For example: treats before or after, commands, predictable actions etc.

Please bring your pet's medication, and food in pre-portioned containers to allow us to stick closely to their routine. We will advise you on the length of their stay.

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

We understand how worrying it is bringing your animal in for a hospital stay, and we are here to support you. We will phone you with regular updates about your pet, and if you have any concerns there is someone on the end of the phone 24/7.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Do not hesitate to contact us.

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