

Orthopaedic Operation Checklist ✓



1. ON ADMIT

- Confirm leg, procedure and owner contact details
- Check past clinical history with owner including current medication
- Practice Consent form signed
- VetFix procedure consent form signed
- Minimum database (HR, RR, Body Temp +/- Bloods) recorded on anaesthetic sheet.
- Place IV catheter with T-Piece
- Confirm Pre-med with Surgeon

2. PRIOR TO INDUCTION

- IVFT set-up
- Induction, radiography and theatre tables prepared including active warming devices / foil / bubble wrap
- Intravenous antibiotics (Zinacef 20mg/kg repeat every 90 minutes – give after induction)

3. SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (Before first incision)



VERBAL CHECK BY ANAESTHETIST:

"PATIENT NAME"

"CONFIRM PROCEDURE AND CORRECT LEG"

"CONFIRM ANAESTHETIC MONITORING IN PLACE"

"CONFIRM IVFT AND RATE"

"CONFIRM NSAID GIVEN AS NECESSARY"

"CONFIRM IV ANTIBIOTICS ADMINISTERED AND NEXT DOSE TIME"

4. AT STITCH UP

- Radiography table prepared with clean surface and warming device

5. BEFORE WAKING UP

- Foot bandage removed
- Clean primapore applied
- Kennel prepared with warming device
- Pain plan confirmed with surgeon

6. AT RECOVERY

- Continuous monitoring until lifting head
- Pain plan confirmed with kennel nurse
- Surgeon ring owner with update

7. ON DISCHARGE

- Post-operative care explained to owner
- Post-operative care pack given to owner
- Medications (pain relief +/- antibiotics) dispensed