



# MAINLIACHT SURGICAL CHECKLIST

## Pre-operative guidance

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Advanced Small Animal Surgery  
Orthopaedic and Soft Tissue

- Advanced Surgery
- Cruciate Disease
- Patellar Luxation
- Fracture Repair
- BOAS / TECA-LBO



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Surgeon -

Date -

Nurse -

### 1. Pre-Anaesthetic Checks

- Patient identification confirmed
- Consent form signed
- Clinical history reviewed
- Pre-anaesthetic exam performed
- Anaesthetic risk assessed (ASA Grade \_\_)
- Pre-medications drawn up and labelled
- Equipment checked
- Surgical site clipped and prepared

### 3. Intra-Operative Monitoring

- Monitoring equipment functioning
- Body temperature maintained
- Anaesthetic depth checked regularly
- Blood pressure and oxygenation stable
- IV fluid therapy rate checked
- Count of swabs, needles, and instruments maintained

### 5. Post-Operative Checks

- Patient stable and extubated
- Recovery monitored and pain score recorded
- Discharge plan and medications confirmed
- Practice email, discharge sheet, and invoice completed

### 2. "Time-Out" Before Incision

- Team introduction and role confirmation
- Procedure and site verbally confirmed
- Side and limb marked if applicable
- Antibiotics administered at correct time
- Analgesia plan discussed
- Radiographs or imaging available
- Implants and instruments ready and sterile
- Electrocautery and suction tested

### 4. Before Wound Closure

- Swab, needle, and instrument counts correct
- Implants recorded in surgical notes
- Local or regional analgesia performed
- Radiographs taken (if indicated)
- Post-operative medications confirmed
- Bandage or dressing applied (if required)

This checklist is provided as an aid to support peri-operative patient safety. Clinical judgement must always take precedence over checklist completion.