

STEPS TO STERILITY

PREPARING THE THEATRE & EQUIPMENT

- We clean and disinfect all theatre surfaces, including the table, lights, walls, and floors.
- We also prepare anaesthetic machines, monitors, and surgical tools.
- This ensures the theatre is safe, sterile, and ready for the patient's procedure.

PREPARING THE PATIENT

- We confirm the patient's identity and the planned procedure using a checklist.
- The surgical site is clipped to remove hair and cleaned with antiseptic.
- These steps reduce the risk of infection and make sure the patient is ready for surgery.

FINAL CHECKS

- Before finishing, we count all swabs, sharps, and instruments one last time.
- Any remaining checks or monitoring are completed.
- This step makes sure nothing is left behind and confirms that safety protocols have been followed from start to finish.

CHANGING INTO THEATRE CLOTHES

- Staff change out of outside scrubs into clean theatre scrubs, shoes, and hats.
- This helps keep outside germs away from your pet and the theatre environment.

PREPARING KITS FOR SURGERY

- Each procedure has its own dedicated kit of instruments.
- We carefully check that everything is sterile and complete before surgery begins.
- This guarantees all the tools the surgeon needs are safe and ready to use.

KEEPING THE PATIENT SAFE IN SURGERY

- The patient is moved into theatre and positioned safely for the procedure.
- We perform a final skin preparation using sterile gloves and antiseptic.
- Once the surgeons are ready, the surgical kit is opened in a sterile manner.
- The team uses a safety checklist to confirm the patient, procedure, and equipment are all correct before surgery begins.
- Throughout the surgery, all swabs, sharps, and instruments are checked to make sure nothing is left inside the patient.