

Why We Sometimes Recommend Waiting

Family Matters

One of the most surprising things you may hear from your vet is:

"I think the best thing to do today is... wait."

After all, you've brought your pet to the vet because you're worried. Surely something should be done immediately?

Sometimes, absolutely.

But sometimes, the best medical decision is to observe, monitor and allow time to reveal what is happening.

At Amity, we believe that good medicine isn't about doing **more**—it's about doing **what's right**. Our purpose is to **Empower You Through Education**, helping you understand why waiting can sometimes be the safest and wisest treatment plan.

Medicine Isn't Always Black and White

Many illnesses follow a predictable pattern.

Early in a disease process, symptoms can be vague and several different conditions may look exactly the same.

For example, vomiting, diarrhoea, coughing or limping may have dozens of possible causes.

Treating too early, before the picture becomes clearer, can sometimes lead to the wrong diagnosis or unnecessary treatment.

Waiting Doesn't Mean Doing Nothing

One of the biggest misconceptions is that waiting means no plan.

Quite the opposite.

When we recommend monitoring, we're making an active medical decision.

We'll explain:

- What we think may be happening.
- Why we're recommending observation.

- What signs we'd like you to watch for.
- What changes would make us want to see your pet sooner.
- When we'd like to review them.

In other words, we're replacing uncertainty with a structured plan.

Avoiding Unnecessary Treatment

Every medication, blood test, X-ray or operation has potential benefits—but also potential risks.

If your pet is likely to improve naturally over the next day or two, unnecessary treatment may expose them to cost, stress or side effects without improving the outcome.

Good medicine is knowing **when not to intervene**.

We Never Ignore Serious Problems

Waiting is never recommended if we believe your pet has a serious illness that requires immediate treatment.

If we're worried, we'll tell you.

Our first priority is always your pet's safety.

The recommendation to monitor is only made when we believe it's clinically appropriate and in your pet's best interests.

You Play an Important Role

Nobody knows your pet better than you.

While you're at home, you're observing things we simply can't see during a consultation.

Changes in appetite.

Energy levels.

Drinking.

Breathing.

Comfort.

Behaviour.

Your observations often become one of the most valuable diagnostic tools we have.

A Partnership Built on Trust

At Amity, we'll never recommend waiting because we want to avoid making a decision.

We'll recommend it because, based on our examination, experience and clinical judgement, we believe it's the approach most likely to give your pet the best outcome.

Sometimes the best treatment is medication.

Sometimes it's surgery.

And sometimes it's giving your pet's remarkable ability to heal the opportunity to do exactly that—while we continue to monitor carefully.

That's why **Amity Essential Membership includes unlimited health checks**. If your pet's condition changes, or you're worried things aren't following the plan we've discussed, we'd much rather see them again than have you wondering what to do next.

Because great veterinary care isn't about acting quickly.

It's about acting wisely.

Because they're not just your pet.

They're family.

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If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.