Pre Op:

* Let owner know the risks of anaesthesia, statistics would be useful (how many successful surgeries of this nature vs how many are not) - including fatality, surgical complications
* ENSURE OWNER FASTS ANIMAL BEFOREHAND (neonates should not be fasted; kid should be fasted 2-4 hours before, and water should not be withheld) and inform owner of
* If the surgery is being performed in the field let owner know of general requirements if applicable/possible (such as shade, a fairly clean area)
* Cost - let owner decide if the cost is feasible and, in production in particular, if the worth of the animal warrants it
* Briefly inform owner of fluids and drugs to be used in the surgery, and you can also give a brief description of what the surgery entails so that they are aware of how simple/complicated it might be and are well versed in what is happening.

Post Op care:

* To monitor the surgical site for fly eggs
* Clean & dress the wound daily for two weeks
* Post op medication and dosage, such as antibiotics and painkillers. Ask beforehand if owner has them on hand or will have access to them
* Ensure animal is hydrated and monitor for any lethargy, anorexia or weakness
* Let owner know of normal behavioral changes immediately post op (especially if the animal is a pet) such as lethargy or reduced appetite in the first few hours