

COTTAGE GROVE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Rabbit Surgical Instructions

Your pet, _____, is scheduled for surgery on _____.
Our surgery check-in time is 8:00 – 8:30am.

The procedure scheduled, _____, normally involves a hospital stay of one day, therefore, your pet will go home the same day.

Please do not fast your rabbit. It is ok for rabbits to eat before surgery. Please bring hay, pellets and greens so we can feed your pet after surgery is completed.

We are looking forward to providing him/her with the best possible care. Before placing your pet under anesthesia, we will do everything possible to ensure that he/she is healthy. We will get a complete history and perform a physical exam looking for any existing medical conditions that might complicate the procedure or compromise your pet's health.

We also recommend pre-anesthetic testing in order to get a complete picture of the internal health of your pet. We perform anesthetic testing for companion animals for the same reasons your doctor would run tests on you before undergoing anesthesia. In fact, these tests are quite similar. Our pre-anesthetic blood screen consists of BUN, Creatinine, ALP, ALT, Total Protein, Glucose and Complete Blood Count along with a Packed Cell Volume. We have included a brochure explaining these tests in more detail. These tests can be done on the day of surgery.

If the results of the pre-anesthetic tests are within normal ranges, we can proceed with confidence knowing the anesthetic risk is minimized. On the other hand, if the results are not within the normal ranges, we may alter the anesthetic procedure. In some cases we may proceed as planned, yet provide medical support during and after the procedure to ensure your pet's health. In other cases, test abnormalities may be significant enough to postpone the procedure in order to monitor and medically treat your pet.

Although performing these tests cannot guarantee the absence of complications, it can significantly minimize the risk to your pet and provide you and us with peace of mind. While the choice is yours, we feel strongly that a pre-anesthetic profile is very important to your pet's health. Please feel free to call us if you want to talk about the tests, your pet's upcoming procedure, or the enclosed materials. We're here to assist you and take good care of you and your pet.

Our staff will explain any special care requirements to you at the time of discharge. Please ask us for clarification if we have not adequately explained, or feel free to call the hospital if any uncertainties arise.

Please remember that time has been set-aside for you on the day of this procedure. If for any reason you cannot keep your appointment, please call as far in advance as possible so that we can give this time to another patient.

Cottage Grove Animal Hospital is a "payment at time of service" facility. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 651-768-0200.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Cottage Grove Animal Hospital