

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO DROPPING YOUR PET OFF FOR SURGERY. THANK YOU.

Surgical Instructions:

- 1) Drop off for your pet's surgical procedure is at 8am. Please plan on being here for approximately 10 minutes while the surgical team goes over paperwork with you.
- 2) Do not feed your pet after 8pm the night before surgery. It is okay for them to have water up until they leave the house in the morning.
- 3) Distemper and Rabies vaccinations must be current. If vaccines were done elsewhere, please bring the history of vaccination from your previous clinic.
- 4) Please be sure to allow your dog to go outside to urinate or defecate prior to coming into the clinic.

Anesthesia Risks:

Procedures that are requiring anesthesia are always associated with a certain amount of risk, whether the patient is a person or a pet. Like you, we want to minimize that risk as much as possible and that requires a physical exam and pre-anesthetic tests. Advances in anesthesia have made elective procedures safer; however, complications can arise because of pre-existing conditions not evident during previous examinations. In certain rare circumstances a condition may exist that is not evident on physical examination or pre-anesthetic screening, which could result in anesthetic complications, including death.

Pre-Anesthetic Testing:

If your pet has no outward physical problems, we recommend a complete blood cell count and a pre-anesthetic blood profile. A mini-chem (\$94.00) for younger animals and a full profile (\$125.50) for older pets (6 years & up for giant breed pets and 8 years & up for other dogs and cats). This blood work will evaluate your pet for underlying infections, anemia, liver, kidney or intestinal diseases. We recommend this anesthetic testing in order to get a complete picture of the internal health of your pet. 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, test abnormalities may be significant enough to postpone the procedure in order to monitor and medically treat your pet. We also recommend a heartworm test (\$50.00) for dogs and a feline leukemia/FIV test for cats (\$74.00). Although performing all of these tests cannot guarantee the absence of complications, it can significantly minimize the risk to your pet and provide you and our staff with some peace of mind. While we leave the choice up to you, we strongly recommend the pre-anesthetic testing as we feel it is very important to your pet's health. A technician will call you a few days prior to your pet's surgical procedure to discuss your options with you. If you know that you do want to have pre-surgical bloodwork done on your pet, we recommend setting up a technician appointment several days prior to your pet's surgery. There is only the charge for the bloodwork at that time.

Contact:

It is vital that we are able to get ahold of you while your pet is with us in case of emergency and/or to discuss additional care and recommendations while your pet is under anesthesia. The technician will ask you for a phone number where you can be reached between 8am and 2pm at the time of check-in.

Please call us at 651-768-0200 if you have any questions prior to surgery. Adult owner authorization is required at time of check-in. Check in can take up to ten minutes. Please allow for adequate time. We look forward to caring for your pet!