

SURGERY/ANESTHETIC PROCEDURE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in order to help you better prepare for what will occur on the day of your pet's surgery. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

The night before your pet's surgery we ask that you withhold all food after the time recommended by our staff. You may also be instructed to withhold water as well. If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins, and/or injections, please check with our staff to see if they should be administered the morning of the procedure or withheld until the next dose is due.

On the morning of the procedure, your pet should be dropped off between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. unless other arrangements have been made in advance. We do not open until 8:00 a.m. If your pet has been prescribed a "comfort pack", please administer these medications orally to your pet one hour before arriving at our clinic in the morning.

Upon entering the clinic for surgical drop-off, you and your pet will be escorted to an exam room where a veterinary technician will go over all necessary paperwork and address any questions you may have. You will be asked to electronically sign forms pertaining to your pet's procedure, including a release form, a surgical consent form, and an estimate. The technician will also obtain the phone number at which you wish to be reached and will ask you whether you wish to be communicated with via phone call or text. We **MUST** be able to reach you at all times during the day of your pet's procedure, as failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery. This check-in process can take anywhere from 5-10 minutes.

Once all forms are signed and all questions answered, the technician will escort your pet to the treatment area, where they will be placed in an appropriate sized cage or run with comfortable bedding. You are welcome to bring a bed or blanket of your own as well.

If you have elected to have any of the recommended blood tests performed, the technician will collect the blood sample and have the tests done prior to the start of the procedure. Also commonly done prior to anesthesia is the administration of a narcotic pain medication that calms and relaxes the patient as well as assists in a smoother recovery from anesthesia.

Depending on our daily appointment schedule, surgeries and other inpatient procedures are normally performed between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will be notified upon completion of your pet's procedure and will be told when you will be able to pick up your pet.

When you arrive to take your pet home, a veterinary technician and/or doctor will go over all discharge orders. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about these instructions or the procedure your pet had.