



Pre-operative Information Sheet

Your pet has been scheduled for surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist our clients, we have put together this information to make your pet's surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

Please read the enclosed information. If you have any questions, feel free to call us. On the day you drop off your pet for surgery, we will require you to sign a consent form and ask you about any additional services you may want during your pet's stay.

We frequently recommend pre-surgical bloodwork (a chemistry panel and complete blood count) prior to any surgery to alert us to medical issues that should be addressed before anesthesia, and reduces the risk of anesthetic complications. This bloodwork is *required* if your pet is 8 years or older. This bloodwork checks your pet's liver and kidney function, as well as different blood cell parameters that could indicate infection or anemia.

We require a phone number where you can be reached on the day of surgery. Please do your best to be available, as we may need to contact you with questions. **Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.**

We generally recommend that your pet be dropped off the night before surgery, between 4:00 and 5:30pm. This way your pet can become accustomed to our hospital, and we can be sure they are properly fasted and collect any needed blood samples. In special circumstances, we do allow pets to be dropped off after 8am the same day as their surgery, but this should be approved by the office staff ahead of the scheduled surgery appointment. **If you are dropping off the same day, we ask that you do not feed your pet any food or treats after 10:00pm.** They may have water until the time they are dropped off. If your pet is currently on medications, check with the doctor to see if you should give their medication that morning.

When your pet arrives, a member of our veterinary staff will prepare a kennel for your pet, and may collect blood for any pre-anesthetic tests you request. If the doctor has any concerns regarding these tests, they will contact you at the number you provided.

You are welcome to check on your pet's status, however we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. We generally do multiple surgeries on any given day, and the order of the procedures are at the doctor's discretion. We will contact you when your pet's procedure is complete and they are awake, usually by 1pm. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea about when your pet may be picked up (usually between 4:00 and 5:30pm). When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will collect associated fees and a member of our veterinary staff will go over all discharge instructions with you. If you need further clarification, or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask them at this time. Once you've had all your questions answered, we will reunite you with your pet!

If for some reason you need to cancel your pet's appointment, we ask that you give us as much notice as possible, so that we may give this slot to another pet in need!

We hope your pet's surgery day will be a pleasant experience. We understand that it can be an anxious time and are always available to discuss your concerns. We look forward to seeing you and your pet on surgery day and for many years to come!