

This information is meant to help make your pet's surgery day as stress free as possible. Please go over this information and your pet's procedure plan carefully and if you have any questions prior to your pet's procedure, please call us at 812-923-8825 and ask to speak to a member of our surgical team.

Before anesthesia, all patients should have a nose to tail check-up to screen for potential health issues. Any patient that has not been examined by one of our veterinarians will need an exam before surgery. This exam can be done the same day as your pet's procedure. It is recommended that patients be up to date on their annual vaccinations and wellness care before surgery. If your pet's vaccinations were done elsewhere, we ask that you please bring this information with you the day of surgery.

All of our surgical patients are sent home with medication to help manage any post-operative pain they may experience. Your pet may also be sent home with an Elizabethan collar to prevent licking/destruction of the surgical site. While your pet is sedated is a great time to have them microchipped, have a nail trim done, or their ears cleaned.

Surgery Check List

- Food and water are okay up until 7am (11am for afternoon procedures). We ask that large dogs (>50#) only get fed half their normal amount**
- Walk dogs before surgery to allow them to empty their bladders**
- Give all medications as usual unless directed otherwise (it is okay to use a treat or small amount of food as needed)**
- Plan to spend at least 10-15 minutes with a member of the surgical team to complete consent forms, review medical history and get your pet admitted to the hospital**

Surgeries are normally performed between 9:00am and 3:00pm. We will call you once your pet is in recovery with an update and to schedule a discharge appointment, most pets are discharged the same day. With most routine procedures, patients take at least two weeks to heal before being able to return to normal activity.

A member of the surgical team will review your pet's specific instructions with you in depth and schedule any necessary follow-up appointments when your pet is discharged.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding your pet's procedure. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Surgery Date: _____ Admission Time: _____
Special Instructions: _____