



Pre-Surgical Guidelines

Your pet has been scheduled for a surgical or dental procedure. The guidelines below will help us minimize any inherent risks of anesthesia/sedation and make the day go more smoothly.

Please take the time to read this entire document, as the information presented is important.

- Do not feed your pet after the midnight prior to your surgical appointment.
- It is OK to leave water down until your surgery appointment.
- Please discuss your pet's daily medications with the doctor prior to the day of surgery so we can decide on a dosing schedule. If your pet is an insulin dependent diabetic, please discuss this with the doctor before the procedure so that we may formulate a plan regarding food and insulin the morning of the surgery.
- A surgery check in appointment will typically take about ten minutes. Please arrive on time for your appointment, and be prepared to speak with the surgeon and the technician before you drop off your pet, as they will both have questions for you.
- For the safety and well-being of all of our patients, dogs and cats must be leashed or secured in an appropriate carrier.
- Also for the safety of all of our patients, your pet must be free of fleas and ticks for their procedure. If fleas or ticks are found on your pet they will be treated at your expense.
- Your pet should be current on vaccinations, heartworm test, and fecal test if at all possible. If any of these procedures have not been kept current, please discuss this with our staff prior to the day of surgery. If any of these procedures were performed elsewhere, please provide written documentation from the providing veterinary clinic.
- Microchipping can be done during surgery at a discounted rate. This is probably the most important step you can take to ensure that you and your pet will be reunited if they ever become lost. Ask any staff member for more information.

Your appointment is scheduled for: ____ / ____ / ____ at _____ a.m.