

Surgery Instructions

Preoperative procedures are designed to improve the outcome of the surgery, decrease the risk for complications, and make the surgery as safe and effective as possible.

For patients under 7 years old we recommend pre-anesthetic bloodwork to minimize the risk of surgery. This test is \$45 and checks liver, kidney and bloodcell values.

For patients over 7 years old we require the full panel bloodwork. This test is \$96 and includes liver, kidney and bloodcell values, plus cholesterol, calcium, white blood cells, and other checks.

Patients who receive general anesthesia must refrain from eating or drinking for at least 8 hours before surgery. It may seem harsh, not to be able to have a sip of water, but this precaution minimizes the risk for complications such as vomiting during surgery.

- The night before the scheduled surgery please take away food and water at 10pm.
- Drop your pet off between 7:30-8:30 the morning of the surgery.
- Your pet usually will be ready to go home on the same day so please be prepared to pick up between 3:30 and 5pm. We recommend calling prior to coming to be sure your pet is awake enough. On rare occasions if the pet isn't completely awake the doctor may elect to keep the pet overnight.
- All female cat spays and declaws will stay overnight and be ready to go when we open the next morning.

- * All pets must be current on vaccinations or we will have to do it while they are here. Please bring proof with you if it was done somewhere else.
- * If your pet is in heat or pregnant and is accepted for surgery, additional fees will apply.
- * If your pet has been ill, sneezing or coughing, has been vomiting or had diarrhea, please call (512) 754-6333 to confirm whether or not you should bring it in for surgery.
- * We will go over post-op instructions with you individually and in detail when you pick your pet up; but be aware that you will need to be able to keep your pet confined indoors in a quiet, warm place and kept away from other animals and children for at least 24 hours. You will need to check the incision site twice a day watching for swelling, discharge or redness. You will need to ensure that your pet does not lick or rub the incision area. Dogs will need to be leash walked and not allowed strenuous activity for 7 to 10 days.
- * Please be aware that our schedule sets aside a specific amount of time for each surgery. A rescheduling fee will be applied to any cancellations the day of the scheduled surgery.

If you have any questions at all, please contact our clinic at (512) 754-6333.