



Pre-Anesthesia Instructions

Instructions for You and Your Pet Before Undergoing Anesthesia

- ❖ Do not feed after midnight the night before the surgery, water is okay.
 - Your pet's stomach needs to be empty before they have any anesthesia. This is because anesthetic drugs may cause nausea or vomiting in some pets, which can ultimately lead to pneumonia if they vomit while under anesthesia.

- ❖ Allow your pet the opportunity to eliminate waste before bringing them to the hospital.
 - Emptying their bladder and bowels will prevent any accidents before, during, and after their procedure.
 - Dogs should be walked outside, and cats should have access to the litter at all times.

- ❖ Tell us about any medications that your pet is on, and if they had them the morning of the surgery.

- ❖ Tell us about any concerns you may have about your pet that we should know about before administering anesthesia.
 - Some concerns can include illness history, medication history, or allergy history.

- ❖ If you use a carrier to transport your pet to the hospital, please leave it out and opened the night before the procedure.
 - This will allow your pet adequate time to become more comfortable with the carrier, rather than taking it out the morning of.



What's Included in Our Surgery Cost?

- ❖ The surgical procedure performed by the doctor
- ❖ IV Catheter placement and IV fluid therapy
- ❖ Pre-anesthetic and induction medications
 - Pre-anesthetic agents result in a smooth catheter placement and induction.
- ❖ Gas anesthesia
 - We use Sevoflurane® for our gas anesthesia. Sevoflurane is a pediatric grade anesthesia, that produces a smoother induction and has lower incidences of complications.
 - Sevoflurane is a low odor gas, is not irritating to the airways, and has a low blood-gas solubility coefficient. This means that your pet's body is able to metabolize the anesthesia quicker, resulting in a more rapid recovery.
- ❖ Oxygen therapy
- ❖ Continued vital sign monitoring
 - Heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, oxygen levels, capillary refill time, temperature, and all other vital signs are all monitored continuously during your pet's procedure.
- ❖ Surgical supplies and equipment
 - There are various surgical supplies and equipment that will be used during your pet's procedure. Some of these supplies include suture material, sterile gown and gloves, gauze pads, laparotomy sponges, scalpel blades, surgical instruments, laser therapy, heat support, and many more.
- ❖ Daily hospitalization and monitoring
 - We monitor your pet the entire day (sometimes over-night, depending on the procedure), to ensure they have a smooth recovery from anesthesia, and the procedure itself.
- ❖ You will receive a call from the Doctor after your pet's procedure is finished, and a pick-up time will be discussed.