



PRESURGICAL INFORMATION

No one likes the thought of their pet undergoing surgery, but we know there are certain problems that require surgical intervention for recovery.

You should not be overly concerned. There have been many recent advances in veterinary surgery. Anesthesia, surgical monitoring, and surgical techniques are very advanced to insure your pet's safety. In fact, it parallels that routinely used in human surgery.

All Pets Receive a Pre-Surgical Physical Examination to Determine Health Status. **PRESURGICAL SCREENING** will be done at the time of drop off for your pet's surgery. Please **allow enough time** when dropping off your pet for checking in and for us to go over questions and screening before the surgery. Checking in and screening could take up to ½ hour depending on status of the patient. If you think you may not have the proper time for dropping off your surgery patient, consider coming in the afternoon before surgery and boarding your pet for a discounted fee. For older, diabetic, and heart conditions, there may be recommendations for additional test. **THESE TESTS vary with the individual case and MAY INCLUDE:**

- 1. Blood Counts to assess blood components.**
- 2. Blood Chemistry Profiles to assess organ functions.**
- 3. Urinalysis.**
- 4. Radiographs.**
- 5. EKG.**

ANY ABNORMALITIES DIAGNOSED MAY NEED TO BE CORRECTED BEFORE SURGERY IS BEGUN. You will be called prior to surgery if we observe additional risk factors of concern. Some pets are anemic or diabetic which increases the surgical risk, especially if not known. **Your doctor would not think of performing surgery on you without pre-laboratory surgical testing to insure safety.**

We currently use the same anesthesia agents as used in human surgery. It may be more expensive for us than other options, **BUT** we only want the best for your pet, as I'm sure you do also.

All surgery is performed with sterile instruments and gloves, just as in our human counterparts. Separate sterile packs are used for each and every animal. We will not lower our high standards of quality veterinary surgery for any reason. We use only APPROVED SURGICAL MATERIALS.

Surgical Vital Sign Monitoring is used routinely to insure utmost safety.

Most surgical cases are sent home the same day because we know your pet is much better satisfied in the home environment--and therefore heals better.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY: **HOME PREPARATION FOR SURGERY:**

- 1. No food after 9:00 p.m. the night BEFORE surgery and no water after 12:00 PM.**
- 2. Patient needs to be clean and free of fleas.**
- 3. Exercise your pet the morning of surgery before bringing to the clinic to encourage movements.**

WHEN THE PET IS ADMITTED:

- 1. Be sure to tell us about anything concerning your pet we should know before surgery.**
- 2. Ask us any questions you might have. We really do want **you** to understand what we are doing, and why we are doing it.**
- 3. Consider additional simple procedures that are much cheaper to do when the pet is already anesthetized for other surgery. These procedures do not greatly increase surgical time or cost. Please review the list on our forms titled "Some Optional Procedures to consider for your pet when undergoing anesthesia".**