

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Surgery Protocols

We recommend (but depending on the circumstance do not require) performing pre-operative labwork within one month of all anesthetic procedures for animals 6 years and older. The decision to perform labwork will be discussed with an owner before the day of the procedure.

No food or water after midnight the night before a procedure

Drop off between **8-9am**

Anesthesia & Monitoring

We use a combination of injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet. For most procedures, your pet is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. While your pet is under anesthesia we monitor heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygenation, blood pressure, and temperature. We are equipped to respond to changes in any of the above parameters to ensure a safe anesthetic procedure and a smooth recovery.

Pain Management

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive perioperative pain management. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to be administered at home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluid Therapy

We place an IV catheter in all patients undergoing general anesthesia. This allows us to have quick access to the circulatory system (blood) in the case of an unforeseen emergency. In addition, IV fluids help maintain perfusion to all of the vital organs and can be used to alter blood pressure as needed.

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We strive to provide the highest quality of care and take all necessary precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.