

Pre-Surgical Instructions

ELECTED SURGERY: _____

SURGERY DATE/TIME: _____
Date Time

24-HOUR RECHECK (if applicable): _____
Date Time

We ask you to arrive at 7 a.m. so we can sedate, perform surgery, and ensure that your pet is well awake before you go home. You should expect to leave your pet until at least early afternoon as we attempt to discharge our surgery patients between 2 and 4 p.m. **Please know that your pet may have surgery in the afternoon and have a later discharge time.** You are always welcome to call us at 1pm for a status update.

1. Be sure to **treat your pet's eyes the morning of surgery** with their prescribed eye medications.
2. **Bring all medications with you!** We use these medications after surgery, and we will also need to know how much more to give you to take home. If you do not bring them, we may need to charge for new medication.
3. **Withhold food after 6 p.m. the night before surgery.** A small amount of food to help give oral medications (such as a bite of cheese or hotdog) is fine, but do not give a whole bowl of food. **Please take away water at midnight the night before surgery,** or before you go to bed.
4. **If you have oral medications to give your pet, please give them as directed.**
5. **If your pet is diabetic, do NOT give insulin the morning of surgery. PLEASE BRING THE INSULIN AND SYRINGE WITH YOU!** We will check blood glucose levels before and after surgery and administer insulin as needed.
6. **Clean and groom your pet before surgery.** Depending on the type of surgery, it may be a while before you can bathe your pet again.
7. Walk and/or exercise your pet the morning of surgery.
8. **A 50% deposit is required at the time your pet is admitted for surgery, with the remaining balance due at pick-up.** We offer financing through a company called CareCredit. You can apply for a line of credit online at www.carecredit.com or on the phone at 1-800-365-8295. If you are approved, you will be given an account number that you can begin using right away.