

Pre-Surgical Instructions

ELECTED SURGERY: _____

SURGERY DATE/TIME: _____
Date Time

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

We ask you to arrive at 7:30 a.m. so that physical examination, pre-operative medications, surgery, then post-operative monitoring may be performed. You should expect to for your pet to stay with us for the majority of the day. We will call you with information regarding your pet's approximate time to be discharged once they are in post-operative recovery. **Please understand that your pet may have surgery in the afternoon and have a later discharge time.**

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 dispense. If you do not bring them, we may be required to charge for new medication.
3. **Withhold food after 10 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. **It is not necessary to withhold water.**
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 SYRINGES WITH YOU!** We will check blood glucose levels before, during, and after surgery and administer insulin as needed. (Please do not pre-load syringes with insulin, this practice can degrade the medication and change its effectiveness.)
6. **Clean and groom your pet before surgery.** Depending on the type of surgery, it may be several weeks 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 discharge.** We offer financing through a company called CareCredit. You can apply for a line of credit online at www.carecredit.com, on the CareCredit application, or by phone at 1-800-365-8295. If you are approved, you will be given an account number that you can begin using right away.