



Pre-Surgical Information

- **Food and Water:** On the night prior to surgery, your pet can have food and water like normal. Pick up any uneaten food around 10:00 – 11:00 PM. Please allow access to water overnight, but pick up the water bowl in the morning. Unless you have been instructed otherwise, do not feed your pet on the morning of surgery.
- **Medication:** If your pet is on any medication, please contact our office to see if these need to be given on the morning of surgery.
- **Admission Time:** 7:30 to 8:00 AM.
Please allow about fifteen minutes for check-in.
- **Blood tests:** At admission a technician will review some options for pre-anesthetic blood tests. All routine neuters, spays, and declaw procedures include a few basic blood tests in the surgical fee. Patients having other procedures are recommended to have more extensive blood tests depending their age, health status, and the type of procedure being performed. Your pet may have already had one of these blood panels done.
- **Fees:** The technician or doctor will be happy to go over an estimate and discuss any questions you may have prior to you leaving your pet with us.
- **IV Catheter:** Most canine (and some feline) pets will have an intravenous catheter placed in one of their front legs prior to surgery to allow administration of medications and fluids. One of the forelegs will have an area shaved for the catheter. This catheter will be removed prior to discharge.
- **Post – Op:** You will receive a phone call from the doctor or technician once your pet's procedure is complete and they are waking up from anesthesia.
- **Discharge Time:** 4:30 – 5:30 PM. The technician or doctor will review any final instructions and post-operative medications with you.