

Pre-Surgical Guidelines

If your pet has been scheduled for a surgical procedure, the guidelines below will help minimize the inherent risks of anesthesia/sedation and make the day go more smoothly.

- Do not feed your pet prior to surgery. Generally we ask you to stop feeding the midnight before surgery. Several complications can develop if an animal is anesthetized on a full stomach due to the increase risk of vomiting with anesthetic medications. Vomiting can lead to choking or aspiration into the lungs.
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- Water is always okay to give before surgery.
- Arrive for check-in between 7:15 am and 8:00 am on the scheduled day of surgery.
- For the safety and well being of all pets, all dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in pet carriers.
- All animals must be current on Rabies Vaccinations.
- All animals must have received initial distemper vaccine and 1 booster.
- All pets under 1 year of age must have had 1 negative fecal test performed.
- All cats must have been blood tested for FeLv/FIV (proof required).
- We recommend microchipping of all pets. This is an ideal time to have this done and at a discounted price.
- We recommend all dogs are current on their heartworm preventative and testing before surgery.
- We recommend for most pets over 2 years of age to have a dental cleaning done at the same time under the same anesthesia.

If any of the above procedures were performed at another clinic, we must have written proof from the providing veterinarian prior to admitting your pet. This may be accomplished by having your pet's vaccine/medical history faxed to us at 727-781-7506 at least 24 hours **prior** to your pet's surgery. You may also bring a computer printout of your pet's history with you.