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## Pre-Surgical Information

There have been many recent advances in veterinary surgery, anesthesia, and surgical monitoring. Surgical techniques are very advanced to ensure your pet's wellbeing. In fact, they parallel those routinely used in human surgery. We offer the following testing and monitoring options at an additional cost.

- ❦ **Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork:** screening blood testing helps identify unforeseen internal medical disorders. This allows anesthesia to be tailored to each pet or postponed entirely if serious problems are detected.
- ❦ **Pre-Anesthesia ECG Screening:** evaluates the heart before a sedative is administered, increasing safety by minimizing unknown risks.
- ❦ **IV Catheter with Fluids:** maintains a proper blood pressure, provides immediate venous access in emergency situation, and maintains hydration while anesthetized.
- ❦ **Vital-Scan Monitoring:** electronic monitoring of vital parameters throughout the surgical procedure which includes heart rate, ECG, body temperature, respiration rate, blood pressure, and blood oxygen levels.
- ❦ **Pain Management:** much has been learned about pain control in the last few years. Surgical procedures often leave the patient in discomfort and pain. Before surgery begins, we are able to administer injectable pain medication that makes your pet as comfortable as possible at all times during the procedure. We also send home oral medications that will help alleviate pain for 72 hours after the surgical procedure. As well as using laser therapy to accelerate the healing process.
- ❦ **Comprehensive Care Package:** includes all of the above pre-surgical and pain management options with a 15% discount.

In early stages of disease, many subtle changes occur in the blood composition that can give us hints of future problems before they become serious. Blood profile examinations are performed to increase the safety, health, and welfare of your pet prior to surgery. We want to do everything possible to minimize complications during surgery from problems such as kidney disease, liver disease, anemia, low resistance to disease, and clotting disorders examples that can be detected, thus greatly increasing safety for your pet.

### **Any abnormalities diagnosed may need to be corrected before surgery is begun.**

A wide variety of anesthetic agents are used today in veterinary medicine. Some anesthetics cost more than others. As our concern is for your pets well being, their health status will determine which anesthetic they receive.

All surgery is performed with sterile instruments and gloves, just as in our human counterparts. Separate sterile packs are used for each pet. We will not lower our high standards of quality veterinary surgery for any reason.

Most surgical cases are sent home the same day because we know your pet is more comfortable in the home environment—and therefore heals better.

### **Please follow the following instructions before bringing in your pet for surgery.**

- ❦ No food or water after 10 p.m. the night BEFORE surgery.
- ❦ Surgical animals should arrive at the clinic between 7-7:45 a.m. M-F and at 8 a.m. Sat. on the morning of surgery.
- ❦ Be sure to tell us anything concerning your pet that we should know before surgery. For example: vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing, etc.
- ❦ Please ask us any questions you might have as we would be happy to answer them.