

Pre-Surgical Instructions

ELECTED SURGERY: _____

SURGERY DATE/TIME: _____
Date Time

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

1. Please have your pet here the morning of surgery at the time specified.
2. Be sure to **treat your pet's eyes the morning of surgery** with the medications they are on.
3. **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.
4. **Withhold food after 6:00 p.m. the night before surgery.** If you need to give your pet a very small amount of food (like a bite of cheese or hot dog) to take the oral medications, that will be 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.
5. **If you have oral medications to give your pet, please give them as directed.**
6. **If your pet is diabetic, do NOT give insulin the morning of surgery. BRING THE INSULIN AND SYRINGE WITH YOU.** We will check blood glucose levels before and after surgery, and administer what is necessary.
7. **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.
8. Walk and/or exercise your pet the morning of surgery.
9. You should expect to leave your pet until at least early afternoon after dropping them off in the morning. We like our patients to be in early so that we can sedate them, perform surgery, and then be sure they are well awake before they go home. We usually discharge patients between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.
10. **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, who can finance cost of surgery for up to 1 year without interest. You may 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. You will receive a CareCredit card in 7-10 days, and a statement will be mailed to you monthly.