

# SURGERY INFORMATION



\_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_  
We look forward to seeing you on \_\_\_\_\_  
( Day, Month)

## Just a couple reminders :

- Please bring your pet in between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Please do not give your pet any food after 6:00 p.m. the evening before the procedure.
- Please do not give your pet any water after midnight the night before the procedure.

## Pre-anesthetic Bloodwork :

This procedure requires general anesthesia. Before your pet is put under general anesthesia, the doctor will do a thorough examination (nose to toes); however, the doctor is limited in what he or she can feel in this physical exam. The pre-anesthetic blood panel gives him or her a peek inside, allowing him or her to check red blood cells, and various organ functions, to be sure he or she will be able to remove the anesthetic agents from your pet's body after surgery for a smooth recovery. This test assists the doctor in determining the appropriate anesthetic drugs for your pet.

For our "senior" pets undergoing surgery, we recommend a general blood screening panel. A general blood panel consists of a full organ workup, a total protein, and red blood cell evaluation. These results are important as our pets get older to make anesthesia as safe as possible. If abnormalities are detected, the doctor may recommend further testing, special monitoring during and after the procedure, and/or postponing the surgery at this time.

## Required Vaccinations :

For the safety of both your pet and our staff, he or she must be current on rabies, distemper (and kennel cough - dogs only) and free from internal and external parasites. (If your pet is not current, or current records are unavailable, you understand that these vaccines will be given today.) The vaccines and/or flea treatment will be in addition to all other charges.

## Pain Relief :

No one wants their pet to be in excessive pain. We offer a pain relief package, which will permit us to administer a presurgical injection for active pain relief, as well as oral pain medication for you to give your pet at home, to help your pet recover in a more comfortable and less stressful manner. Pain medications are included in the procedure.

## Other Services to Consider :

While your pet is under anesthesia, you may want to consider several preventive health procedures that can safely and conveniently be done at the same time:

The "HomeAgain" identification microchip implant is available for your pet's safety. This chip greatly increases the chances of your pet being returned safely to you in the event he or she is lost. We are happy to implant this chip today while your pet is already under anesthesia. If you have any questions about the benefits of the chip, please feel free to ask one of our team members.

We would also be happy to clean and polish your pet's teeth while he or she is under anesthesia. Regular dental cleanings help prevent gum disease and tooth decay/loss. Bacteria in the mouth can spread throughout the body through the bloodstream causing damage to the heart, kidneys and other organs. Thus, poor dental health is a significant cause of death and disease and is certainly preventable.

Please ask one of our team members about setting up a dental cleaning for your pet today.