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## **Surgical Information**

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery with us in the near future. We've assembled a bit of information to ensure that you and your pet are prepared for surgery day.

### **The night before your pet's surgery:**

- **Withhold all food and treats after 8:00 PM, and continue to withhold food and treats the morning before surgery (ideally, your pet's stomach will be empty for the 12 hours leading up to his/her drop off time).**
- **Water may be available to your pet during this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins, and/or injections, withhold the morning dose unless directed otherwise by doctor. Bring these medications with your pet.**

Unless otherwise directed, please have your pet here promptly at **9:30 A.M. on the day of your appointment.**

At the time of drop off, we will have you fill out a **Drop Off Form**. If any questions arise before surgery, the doctor may contact you at the number you leave on the form.

### **Anesthetic Procedures**

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications, injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet. For most procedures, your pet will be anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). Doing so will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

### **Monitoring and Pain Management**

We monitor your pet during anesthesia in two ways. First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, and oxygen levels.

We strongly believe in compassionate and quality medical care for our patients. As such, all surgery patients receive pain management, and pain medication may be prescribed home. Additional information will be given at the time of discharge.

Our priority is to reduce as much discomfort as possible and aid in a quick recovery for your pet.

We will call you upon the completion of your pet's procedure, and at that point we will tell you what time he or she will be ready for pick up. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will present you with a bill, and one of our veterinary technicians will go over all discharge instructions. *Don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have!*

**It is important that you understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications any time surgery is performed. We strive to provide the highest quality of care possible for your pet, and we take added precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.**