

Preoperative Information

Please read these notes carefully so you know what to expect for you and your pet on surgery day.

- Your pet should not have any food or water after midnight the night before. Exercise your pet the morning of surgery before bringing him/her to our office to encourage urination and bowel movements. Please bring pets in between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. the day of surgery.
- Many pet owners aren't sure what is involved in a Surgical Sterilization. Spaying (ovariohysterectomy) is a procedure in the female where both ovaries and the uterus are removed from the body. Neuter (Castration) is a procedure in the male in which the testicles are removed from the body. On most occasions pets are not required to stay overnight for these surgical procedures.
- Dental Cleaning is a procedure similar to what you or I receive when going to the dentist. Your pets' teeth will be scaled and polished, which will remove plaque, tartar, and greatly reduce the bacteria that grow on teeth and under the gums. Sometimes, dental extractions may need to be performed.
- Please allow 15 minutes to fill out the surgical consent form when you arrive. These are some of the options that we offer with any surgical procedure to help ensure your pets' safety and comfort. These options are highly recommended by both of the doctors. They will help reduce the risk of complications before, during and after the procedure. A technician will review all the surgical options with you the morning of the surgery.
 - ◆ Pre-anesthetic Blood Screen With Urinalysis: Prior to administration of anesthesia this will provide a baseline to check proper organ functions, oxygen carrying ability of blood, ability to fight infection, and assesses the health and function of the kidneys and bladder. This also helps to establish a baseline for future reference.
 - ◆ Cardiac Screen and Surgical Monitoring: Detects any cardiac irregularities and monitors heartbeat during surgery.
 - ◆ Post Surgical Pain Injection: Provides additional level of pain relief after the surgery.
 - ◆ IV Catheter and Fluid Therapy: Maintain blood pressure, speed recovery, administer life-saving drugs if needed and prevent fluid loss.
- Your pet also **must** be current on the Rabies vaccine within one year. If your pet has already had the rabies vaccination given at another clinic please bring written proof of the vaccine. If your pet isn't current we will update them on rabies and any other vaccines which are recommended by the Veterinarian.
- Your pet will stay with us most of the day and therefore, we will schedule a time for you to pick up your pet. At the discharge appointment we will go over all aftercare procedures.
- Please feel free to call our office or to ask any questions when you bring your pet in.

Sincerely,

The Doctors of Northside and Cornerstone Animal Hospital