

# PRE-SURGICAL GUIDELINES

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**Your pet is scheduled for surgery.** Additional Information and the potential risks associated with your pet's scheduled procedure can be found in the Articles section under the heading Procedures.

Please note that the price you were quoted when scheduling the procedure may not include any additional surgical options such as Bloodwork, I.V. Fluids, Laser, and Pain Management that the assistant will discuss with you the morning of the surgery.

Please click [MORE INFO](#) to read about the health benefits of these surgical options.

**To ensure your pet's procedure is as safe as possible, we ask you to follow these pre-surgical instructions:**

**Do not feed your pet after 8:30 p.m. the night before surgery.** Water is allowed during this entire time. Because your pet's swallowing reflexes are diminished during and after anesthesia, we want to minimize the risk of vomiting and aspiration of the vomit into the lungs. Fasting your pet greatly reduces the risk of this complication.

**Arrive at the clinic between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. on the morning of the scheduled surgery.**

For the safety of your pet, we ask that you bring your pet either in a **carrier or on a leash**. On surgery mornings, we have numerous pets in the clinic, this will help to ensure the safety of you and your pet.

**Plan to spend 15-20 minutes reviewing the surgery consent form and discussing your pet's procedure with our team.** At that time you will be given the options of accepting additional procedures such as laser surgery, pre-anesthetic blood work and/or I.V. fluids which make the anesthesia safer. The price of these options are not included in our base surgery price you may have been quoted.

Most surgery and dental patients will be **discharged** the same day of surgery after 4:00 p.m.

**Surgery patients are available for pick-up during the following hours** unless otherwise stated during your consultation the morning of surgery:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>

By following these simple guidelines, you can ensure the highest level of safety. If you have any questions or concerns please call us at (417) 272 – 8000. Thank you.