

# SURGERY FAQ

## **Making a surgical appointment:**

Call (708) 478-7788 or text (708) 478-9953 to request a surgical appointment. A technician will call you to schedule the appointment, collect a deposit and give you a specific surgical check in time. Any surgery that is canceled less than five (5) days before surgery, will forfeit the deposit

## **I made my surgery appointment, now what?**

Prior to surgery we require that patients are up to date on their vaccines including rabies, dhpp, bordetella, influenza and have a negative fecal test within the last year. Please make a technician or doctor appointment to update vaccines at least a week before your surgery date. Also, doctors recommend pre-surgical bloodwork before anesthesia. This testing includes a CBC and chemistry panel to check your pets body function. This is the best indication on your pets health prior to surgery. This bloodwork can also be done at a technician appointment within 30 days of your surgery appointment. The night before surgery we require you withhold food and water after 10pm. We will send you a reminder prior to surgery to confirm your surgery date.

## **What should I expect on the day of my pets surgery?**

We will have you check in for surgery admission at your designated time between 6:30-9am. Our team will get you started on surgical paperwork. During your surgery check in, our technician will answer any additional questions you might have before bringing your pet back to our treatment area. The surgery doctor will evaluate your pet and create an anesthesia protocol. This consists of a pre-medication (usually a combination of pain control + sedation), and induction agent.

## **How is my pet monitored under anesthesia?**

Your pet is monitored just like you would be under anesthesia! All vitals are constantly being monitored by a dedicated anesthesia technician including heart rate, ECG, pulse oximetry, respiratory rate, blood pressure, and temperature.

## **How long will my pet be under anesthesia?**

This depends on the procedure. For instance, with a spay or neuter they might be under for about 30 minutes, but for a more complicated surgery, they could be under for longer.

## **Does my pet have to wear the cone of shame?**

In most cases your pet will need to wear an e-collar to prevent any licking/chewing at the surgical site.

## **When will my pet get to come home?**

For routine surgeries (spay, neuter, dental...) your pet will stay with us until late afternoon/early evening. It is important that your pet be monitored by our technicians and doctors. During post-op we will be managing pain levels, body temperature and monitoring vitals until recovery is complete and your pet is ready to go home.

