

Pet Wellness Clinics

Anesthetic Procedure Information

Thank you for entrusting your pet to our care for the duration of his stay for his anesthetic procedure. We are proud of the superior nursing and surgical care we provide your family member during this important time in his life. Below you will find information that will help to plan his upcoming visit.

Your pet should not have any food or treats after 9 p.m. the night before the procedure (diabetics excepted). Water can be available until the morning of his surgery. Plan on arriving between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. the morning of the procedure (unless otherwise arranged). Allow for time to read and sign authorization forms. To help expedite the check-in process, please complete the forms included in this informational packet before you arrive. You will be given a final written estimate of scheduled services at the time of drop-off and we have included an explanation of these services for your review ahead of time. When your pet is in recovery and the procedure has been completed, we will call you to arrange a pickup time.

Your pet's procedure price is determined by his or her size at the time of the procedure. *The procedure price includes the cost of anesthesia and monitoring during the procedure itself as well as a presurgical exam, recovery monitoring and nursing care following the surgery.*

When your pet is in for his or her procedure, we also provide additional services that benefit you and your pet. Listed below is some information about these services.

1. We perform an in-house pre anesthesia bloodwork analysis.

We require this profile at a minimum. It allows us to evaluate your pet's electrolytes, blood proteins, kidney and liver function, as well as the amount and quality of white and red blood cells and platelets to better ensure your pet's ability to undergo a smooth anesthesia and surgery. This information will help us make therapeutic changes, if needed, to keep your pet as safe as possible. This also gives us a baseline of what is normal in your pet. If your dog is ever sick in the future, we can compare lab work to his own normal values.

2. IV catheters are placed in every surgical patient.

Patients receive IV catheters to administer many of the anesthetic medications used for procedures. This also provides us with a quick vein access for times of emergency.

3. Intravenous fluids are administered for every surgical patient.

Fluid support is administered to all of our anesthetic procedures to maintain or stabilize blood pressure and is a great way to provide hydration when your pet is too drowsy to drink water during recovery.

4. We provide surgical and post-op pain relief.

Surgical procedures are invasive operation not to be taken lightly. Research has proven pets receiving adequate pain and inflammation control have quicker recovery rates than their unmedicated counterparts. The price is determined by the dose required by the size and age of your pet and will be calculated when they are weighed during check-in.

5. A Cerenia (anti-nausea) injection is given to every surgical patient.

This is an anti-vomiting anti-nausea injection that works for 24 hours, and will help with any nausea associated with anesthesia. This medication is also used for abdominal pain and post-surgical pain as well.

6. An E-collar or a Cover Me will be fitted to protect the incision during healing.

The healing of an incision can be very itchy and it is impossible to prevent your pet from licking his incision without the use of one of these products. Our staff will help you decide what is the best fit for your pet.

Our veterinary staff will ensure your pet has the best opportunity for a safe stay at our facility and will review their vaccine and preventative history to determine what, if any, additional vaccines or heartworm testing need to be updated. *To meet our standard of care requirements, your dog will need proof of a negative heartworm test (if older than 6 months) and up-to-date **Rabies vaccine, DA2PP vaccine, Canine Influenza vaccine and Bordetella vaccine.** Your cat will need proof of up-to-date **Rabies vaccine and FVRCP vaccine.***

We can't wait to be a vital part of your pet's healthier future and we welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding their care at any time. See you soon!