

Before Surgery Instructions

Vaccinations: To help prevent common diseases, we strongly recommend your pet be vaccinated at least one week prior to surgery with the DA2LPPv (distemper/parvo - for dogs) Bordatella (Kennel cough) or FVRCP (distemper/upper respiratory - for cats). While no vaccine is 100% effective, vaccination will lessen the chance of your pet contracting disease, as well as decreasing the severity of the disease if your pet does contract it.

Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination in the form of a certificate (tags are not acceptable forms of proof). We are otherwise required to administer one at the time of surgery for a charge of \$15.

Keep Your Pet Indoors: Pets must be kept indoors or confined the night before surgery. This ensures that they are not eating outside, which could potentially be dangerous during surgery.

No food after midnight the night before surgery. Pets may have 1/4 the size of their normal breakfast before 6 AM the morning of surgery. Please make note of the exact meal time. Tell staff this time at intake. Water is encouraged until the time you leave for the clinic.

Check-In Time is 7:30 a.m. for cats

Check-In Time is 8:00 a.m. for dogs

Due to our schedule, your pet may not be admitted if you arrive after 8:30 a.m. The admission process usually takes 10–15 minutes to complete. If you wish, you may collect the paperwork before your appointment to save time.

Review Surgery Release form, you will be asked to sign this document at admission

Review “After Surgery” instruction sheet. Be prepared to ask any questions upon admission

Review “Surgery Day” instruction sheet. Call us if you have any questions

Method of Payment: We accept payment in the form of cash, Mastercard, or Visa.

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About the Surgery

In female animals, the uterus and ovaries are removed through a small incision in the abdominal wall, which makes them unable to get pregnant. In male dogs and cats, the scrotum is not removed, only the testicles. This prevents the production of sperm, meaning they will no longer be able to father puppies or kittens. Our patients are completely asleep during surgery, and are unable to feel or move.

Tattoo = Spay/Neuter

Your pet will receive a small, green tattoo near the incision site. This tattoo is not another incision—it's just a small score in the top layers of the skin filled with tattoo ink and covered with surgical glue. The tattoo will ensure that anyone examining your animal in the future will know they have been altered.