

Our Family Vet Preoperative Procedures

Thank you for choosing Our Family Vet for your pet's care. Your pet is scheduled for surgery. Veterinary surgery is safer today than in the past, and every precaution will be taken before, during, and after surgery for your pet's health. There are however, a few simple procedures you can do at home to minimize problems and prevent unnecessary risks. **Please follow these instructions carefully.**

1. Nutrition is very important to your pet's health. It can however, cause complications for anesthesia. Please remove all food and treats from your pet's reach at bedtime the evening before any scheduled surgery. Water can be available through the evening, but should be removed first thing the morning of surgery.
2. Surgical stress may decrease your pet's resistance to infection and infectious diseases; therefore, all vaccinations must be current at the time of surgery. If you are in doubt, check with the doctor before scheduling surgery.
3. Parasites (worms) constitute considerable stress to your pet's health. Their presence at the time of surgery may cause serious problems. If your pet has not been checked for external or internal parasites recently, discuss this with your doctor.
4. If your pet is taking medication or has an existing health problem, inform the doctor before the surgery.
5. Certain routine laboratory procedures may be done before surgery to detect pre-existing health problems that might complicate anesthesia or make surgery more risky.
6. If the doctor has not instructed otherwise, please exercise your pet before bringing him/her into the hospital, making sure bowel movement and urination has occurred. If your pet does not go before coming into the hospital please notify the staff.
7. In order for your pet to be properly prepared for surgery, please have him/her dropped off to the surgical staff between 7:30 and 8:30 AM the morning of the procedure. If this time does not work for you, please advise the reception staff so that we may schedule a time that works for you.

If you have any other questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call us at 591-9230.