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## **Important Information For Your Pet's Procedure**

### **Preparing for your pet's procedure:**

We will contact you to confirm prior to the day of the procedure, to let you know what time you will need to bring your pet in and to remind you not to allow your pet to eat on the day of the procedure (remove all food and treats by 10pm the night before). You may leave water available. In most cases you should administer any regular medications as you usually would. Check with your pet's doctor if you have specific questions regarding giving medications. We may email you documents to review and complete, that may answer any questions you have about the estimate or the procedure. Please bring the completed documents with you when you drop your pet off.

### **On the day of the procedure:**

Again, it is important that you do not feed your pet on the day of the procedure (remove all food and treats by 10pm the night before). You may leave water available.

When you arrive on the day of your pet's procedure, you will check in your paperwork with a Client Service Representative and leave a deposit. You will then meet with an Admit Technician who will go over any preferences or questions you may have before you leave.

The Admit Technician will admit your pet to the Treatment Area. A Pre-anesthetic exam will be performed by your pet's doctor, and pre-anesthetic bloodwork will be drawn and run in our in-house laboratory, if we have not already done so.

Pre-anesthetic bloodwork is important to ensure that your pet is healthy enough to undergo anesthesia and that there are no underlying health problems.

### **After the procedure:**

Your pet will need 3-4 hours to recover here at the hospital following their



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anesthesia. The technician or the doctor will call you to let you know that the procedure is finished and that your pet is in recovery, and they will schedule an appointment time for you to come in to pick up your pet and meet with our discharge technician.

During your discharge appointment, the discharge technician will review the instructions from the doctor about aftercare, go over any medications that have been prescribed, and answer any additional questions you may have.

**Post-operative precautions:**

After undergoing anesthesia, your pet will probably still be a little tired for the rest of the day.

You should keep them quiet and confined, and keep them away from things like pools, decks, and stairs for the remainder of the day. It is important to allow them to rest quietly, away from other pets and small children.

You may need to return after your pet's procedure to remove any sutures or recheck with your pet's doctor. If so, this will be part of your instruction from the discharge technician. You may schedule these appointments in advance with the Client Service Representative upon checking out from your pet's procedure.

If you are concerned or have any questions, please call us anytime