

Your Pet is scheduled **SURGERY ON:**

Check-in: Please have him/her here on the day of the surgery between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Remember to remove all food after midnight but your pet can still have water

Dismissal: Your pet can be picked up any time after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the surgery. If your pet will not have shelter for the night we do ask that you leave him/her with us for the night and pick up the next day.

Enclosed is a blue sheet for you to fill out and return to us when you bring your pet in for surgery. This form includes optional procedures that Dr. Burk strongly suggests for the well being of your pet.

These options include:

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing- *Dr. Burk and Dr. Aleff strongly recommend that you help your pet stay healthy by testing first! It is our responsibility to ensure that your pet can properly process the anesthetic that he or she will be given.* We can do this by running tests that will confirm your pet's organs are functioning properly. These tests will also reveal any hidden health conditions that could put your pet at risk. The latest technology enables us to perform safe and accurate blood chemistries and receive the results within minutes. These tests are similar to those your physician would recommend if you were undergoing anesthesia. Test results will also serve as future reference values should your pet ever become ill as he or she ages.

VACCINATIONS:

For the protection of our patients all pets must be up to date on vaccinations prior to surgery. Vaccinations can be given on the day of surgery if needed. If you have had vaccinations done at another veterinary clinic, you will need to provide documentation from the clinic that the vaccinations were given at. That documentation needs to include the date that the vaccinations were given, the name of the clinic and the veterinarian. You can have the clinic fax the records to us at: 641-842-2524.

LASER SURGERY:

We are proud to offer laser surgery as an option for our clients who want the safest and least painful treatment for their pets. Laser Surgery seals nerve endings as it moves through the tissue- this means your pet will feel less pain after surgery. Some of the other benefits of laser surgery are: less bleeding, less swelling, reduced risk of infection and quicker recovery time.

PAIN RELIEF:

All pets who undergo surgery will receive a pain shot that lasts for 24 hours. You also have the option of taking home Rimadyl which is a chewable pain medication that will help alleviate the pain that may occur after the first few days of surgery.

Microchip:

Why should I microchip my pet?

Each year millions of lost and abandoned animals are taken in by animal welfare organizations across North America, of these animals only 14% of the dogs and 4% of the cats (estimated figures) are ever returned home. The major reason for failing to re-unite a lost pet with its owner is because the pets are unidentifiable. Microchipping offers pet owners the only truly permanent method of identifying your pet and linking the animal back to you, the owner. If you want to improve your pet's chances of getting home in a lost pet emergency – micro chipping is your best option.

When a pet that is lost is brought into our clinic the first thing we check for is a Microchip. The Police department also checks lost pets for microchips. The microchip can be inserted while your pet is under anesthesia. A microchip is injected much like a vaccination, between the shoulder blades of the pet and remains under the skin for the rest of the pet's life. **Additional cost for Microchip is \$25.00**

Please look over these options and choose which ones you would like for us to provide for your pet.

Thank you for allowing us to provide your pet with the best possible care,

Dr. Burk and the Knoxville Veterinary

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