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What do I need to do prior to dropping off my pet for surgery? Withhold food starting at 10 PM the evening prior to surgery. Water may be available up until drop off time. **DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET ANY ASPRIN FOR ONE WEEK BEFORE SURGERY.** The technician will set up a time for you to bring your pet to the hospital. At that time you will be asked to sign the estimate and leave 75% of the estimate as a deposit. You will also be asked whether or not you authorize CPR in the event of an emergency. This is asked of all our clients as a precaution in the event of an emergency.

What should I know about the surgical procedure? At our clinic, all patients are aseptically prepared for surgery. Body warming devices are used to prevent hypothermia. A sterilized surgical pack is used for each patient. The surgical site is draped off, the veterinarian and technicians wear caps, masks, sterile surgical gowns and gloves.

What precautions will be taken before anesthesia? We feel very strongly about taking the proper precautionary measures. A complete physical examination, advanced blood test and EKG will be performed to rule out any abnormalities.

How will my pet be monitored while under anesthesia? Our technicians monitor blood pressure, heart rate (EKG), blood oxygen saturation, mucous membrane color, respiratory rate, and pulse quality. These values are charted every five minutes. Anesthetic levels and intravenous fluids are adjusted accordingly.

How will my pet's pain be managed? After admission to our hospital, your pet will be given a preoperative pain reduction injection. He/she will also be placed on intravenous fluids with a continuous rate or given intermittent doses of analgesics.

What happens after surgery? Your pet will be continuously monitored during the postoperative period. A technician will stay with the patient until he/she is swallowing and the endotracheal tube is removed. The patient will remain in the immediate treatment area until he/she is mobile and will be kept on intravenous fluids therapy. The doctor or technician will call you when he/she is in recovery.

What should I expect when I pick up my pet? When you come in we will go over aftercare, feeding and medications. We will set up future appointments and go over all the charges with you. Your pet will be brought up to you after all the paperwork is completed. Your pet may be slightly groggy: this is done intentionally for pain control.