
Preparing Your Pet for Surgery and Anesthesia

Your pet is scheduled for surgery on : _____

Our team at Riversbend Animal Hospital understands that bringing your pet in for surgery can be stressful. That's why we strive to make each and every procedure as stress-free as possible for you and your pet.

THE DAY BEFORE SURGERY

Do not feed your pet after 10 p.m the night prior to surgery. You may allow your pet to have water overnight and before you leave home, but it is important they do not eat breakfast. These instructions may be altered for very young pets or pets that have health conditions such as diabetes. Be sure to follow our fasting instructions before your pet's surgery – don't give in to your pet's plea – it is for their own safety!

MEDICATION(S)

Give all medications that your pet is on the night prior to surgery before 10pm. Do not give any medication the morning of the surgery unless otherwise directed. Please bring any current medications with you for check in.

THE MORNING OF SURGERY

Surgery check-in time is between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM the day of the procedure, unless otherwise specified. When the surgical team calls to confirm your pet's surgery, we can discuss a time that works for our team and for you. Please allow 25 - 30 minutes for check in which includes signing a consent form, a surgery procedural estimate and leaving a deposit for surgery. We also offer drop off of your pet the day before their procedure for no additional cost. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a drop off the night prior. **We require that you leave a phone number where you can be reached in case of a change in plans, procedure, or an emergency situation.**

FEES

It is our policy to be straightforward in discussing fees and services. You have been provided with an estimate for your pet's surgery. If there is a financial concern, please notify us in advance. We do accept payment with cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. We also accept CareCredit. A downpayment of 65% of the high end of the estimate will be required at the time of admission for estimates over \$500. The remainder of the bill is paid when your pet is discharged.

DISCHARGE

You will receive a call once your pet's surgery has been completed. Discharges are between 4:30 - 5:30pm the day of surgery unless otherwise directed. We will review your pet's home care instructions with you and answer any questions or concerns you may have at discharge. We welcome your questions and will do all we can to help your pet during their recovery.

If any questions arise after your pet returns home or at any other time during the postoperative period, please call our office at (231) 796-3507 or email us at info@riversbendah.com