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_____ is coming in for
_____ on _____.

Please stop your pet's **food** by **6:00 p.m.** and **water** by **midnight** the night before surgery if you plan to drop off the morning of the surgery. For your convenience, you may drop your pet off the day before surgery for no additional charge.

If your pet is **5 pounds or less**, there are no dietary restrictions and you may feed and water your pet as you normally would.

If your pet is current on vaccinations by another Veterinarian, please bring the records with you when you drop off for surgery. Our surgery team will call you with an update of your pet's status before going home for the day; this may be after our business hours. Your pet may be picked up the day after surgery during business hours. The options for your appointment are:

Monday Surgery:

Drop-Off Sunday 8:30-9:00 AM or 4:30-5:00 PM or Monday 7:00-8:30 AM
Pick-Up Tuesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday Surgery:

Drop-Off Monday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM or Tuesday 7:00-8:30 AM
Pick-Up Wednesday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday Surgery:

Drop-Off Wednesday 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM or Thursday 7:00-8:30 AM
Pick-Up Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday Surgery:

Drop-Off Thursday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM or Friday 7:00-8:30 AM
Pick-Up Saturday 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Most routine surgeries require two weeks of restricted activity following the procedure. For dogs and cats, this means spending this time in their crate. Dogs must be walked on a leash when going outside to eliminate and are to come directly inside to their crate afterwards. Restricting their activity in this way reduces swelling and pain and minimizes the chances for any complications.

Please notify us at least 2 business days in advance if you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment.
If you do not give notification of 2 business days, you will automatically be billed a \$40.00 fee



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What to Expect after Surgery

Your pet will be recovering from major surgery, which requires continued nursing care at home to ensure a successful outcome. Your job during the recovery period at home is just as important as the surgical procedure completed. Please review the recovery instructions prior to your pet's scheduled appointment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the clinic.

No food or water should be given for the first 2 hours after arriving home. Excitement can lead to over-eating /over-drinking, which can result in vomiting. Your pet's appetite may be inconsistent for a few days following surgery.

Home care mainly involves **restriction of activity**. Our use of surgical lasers and aggressive pain management will allow your pet to feel better quicker, but restriction of activity remains the most important factor in achieving a complete recovery following surgery. Most pets become very active in a short period of time, and confinement indoors by you is of the utmost importance! This means:

- No jumping or running
- Minimal stair climbing
- No playing with other pets
- No "rough-housing"



When your dog goes outside to eliminate, it should be on a short leash and returned indoors **immediately. YOUR PET SHOULD BE CONFINED TO A CAGE OR CRATE FOR 14 DAYS AFTER SURGERY.** This strict confinement and restriction of activity is necessary during the entire healing period. Activity can lead to injury or serious complications. This means added discomfort for your pet and additional expense to you.

Observe the incision daily for:

- Swelling
- Excessive redness
- Discharge
- Staple/Suture loss which results in a gaping wound
- Persistent bleeding

We have various sizes of protective collars to keep your pet from licking the incision. Licking usually leads to chewing and removal of staples/sutures, which can occur in a matter of minutes. If your pet needs an e-collar it should be kept on at all times. Our objective is to help your pet recover as quickly and with as little discomfort as possible.