

Date of Surgery __/__/__

PRESURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE STEPS OUTLINED TO PREPARE YOUR PET FOR SURGERY. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED WITH YOUR PETS SAFETY IN MIND.

- No food after 10pm the day before surgery. Water is ok.
- Surgery check-in is at 7:30am on the day of surgery.
- Notify us of any medication given within 24 hours of surgery.
- If you are unable to give the patient's morning medication because we don't want you to give food please bring the morning's medication with you.
- We will call you after the procedure is completed with an update and to confirm a go home time. You can call at any time to find out how your pet is doing. If we have not called you by 2 pm with a report please give us a call.

HOSPITAL/SURGICAL INFORMATION

- * Preparation - The skin surrounding the surgical area will be clipped and scrubbed with an antiseptic. Equipment used will be sterilized, and surgical personnel will antiseptically scrub and wear gloves.
- * Anesthesia - General and/or local anesthesia may be used. Some risk is involved, depending upon the general condition of your pet, age, etc. Surgery may occur as scheduled or be delayed, depending upon pre-surgical examination, labs and unexpected complications with other patients.
- * Heart/Respiration - Monitoring of these functions will occur during the operation.

POSTSURGICAL CARE

Staff will check your pet routinely during the hospital stay, and again just prior to discharge. We will meet with you before taking your pet home, and give you postsurgical information. If you wish to discuss this only with the doctor, please make advance arrangements.

Approximately 20% of patients are restless the afternoon, sometime all night, after surgery. We are not able to explain to your pet in detail how he/she may react after they have anesthesia and a procedure performed to help them. They may wake up confused after the procedure that they don't remember. They will have pain medicines, during and after the procedure, for comfort. They will be extra tired from the changes in routine, procedure and from the pain medicines. If they are comfortable and sleep extra in the first 24 hours that is good. Sometimes the stress or the pain medicine will upset their stomach and create anxiety that might make them whine and not be able to sleep well. A small number of patients have a higher level of pain than expected and they may look at, paw at or chew at the incision. These patients may need their pain medicine early or may need additional pain medicine. If we are not available you can call the 24 hour Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson hospital at 1-520-795-9955.