

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF YOUR PET'S SURGERY

Please leave all numbers where you can be reached. When your pet's surgery is completed, you will receive a phone call regarding the outcome of surgery and recommended time for discharge. You should plan on checking your messages several times that day.

When you come to pick your pet up, you may want to bring a leash and collar, a carrier, and a blanket for your backseat in order to ensure your pet's comfort. If your pet is large, you may need to have someone at home to help you get him/her out of the car and up/down steps.

When you arrive at the clinic to pick your pet up, please review your charges so that we may explain the services we have provided. Once your account is settled, your Veterinary Technician will be happy to describe all aftercare, including:

- * Incision site care
- * Wound care
- * Bandage care
- * Feeding instructions
- * Medication administration and dosage
- * Any limitations on exercise
- * Suture removal
- * Follow up visits that may be needed

You may want to arrange a small room in your house (such as a bathroom) for overnight recovery and to restrict the mobility and of your animal. Depending on the procedure, you might want to arrange to be at home to provide support and TLC to your pet that evening.

Don't worry! You will receive all information in written form so that you may refer to it at home. Because you and your pet will be excited to see one another, please allow your Technician time to discuss all aftercare before we bring your pet out to you.

Please feel free to call us anytime after noon on the day of surgery if you have any questions or concerns. We will schedule a follow up phone call within the next several days to make sure your pet is recovering as expected.

It is normal to feel anxious and worried after leaving the clinic, especially if your pet doesn't seem to be acting "normal." The excitement of surgery could cause your pet to seem excessively tired when they are back at home in a relaxed environment. Your Veterinary Technician will be happy to explain the type of anesthesia given and any post-op pain medications that can affect the alertness and behavior of your pet.

Upon your pet's release, you will receive a discharge sheet that covers feeding, e-collars, any limitations on exercise, suture, staple and drain removal, bandage care, medications, and special dietary instructions. Please be aware of whether or not your pet is urinating, eating and drinking.

Do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns you may have. It is our goal to maintain the highest level of communication with you regarding the care of your pet.