



## Surgery Procedure Information

Our clinic's philosophy regarding any procedure is to minimize stress and speed the healing process by working with you and your pet for the best outcome.

Our surgeries are day procedures. Your pet will be admitted in the morning and go home in the afternoon/evening. Before booking, we will discuss with you the surgery details and give you a cost estimate for the procedure. We will also give you a Pre-Surgical Instruction sheet that has all the details for your pet's surgery:

- Admission time the day of surgery
- Approximate time to go home after the procedure
- The doctor's name performing the surgery
- Instructions for fasting your pet

When the surgery is complete you will receive a call from the doctor at which time, you will be given an update on your pet (how the surgery procedure went and confirm when your pet can go home).

**Vet Test Pre-Anesthetic Screen and Urinalysis:** We recommend blood work and urinalysis prior to surgery to ensure your pet is healthy enough to undergo anesthetic. Results of these tests will assist us in establishing the function of the internal organs and choosing specific medication during and after surgery. If bloodwork indicates any abnormalities, we can address this prior to anesthetic, to ensure your pet's safety.

**Comfort Care Package:** The comfort care package is complimentary when pre-anesthetic blood work is performed. This will include anal gland expression (if needed), nail trimming as well as ear cleaning.

The surgery procedure includes:

- Anesthetic
- Surgery
- Surgery supplies
- Doctor to perform surgery
- Intravenous fluids (since your pet is fasted overnight, intravenous fluids will ensure your pet stays well hydrated. Intravenous fluids will also aid in maintaining your pet's blood pressure during anesthetic)
- Veterinary nurse to monitor your pet's vital signs (heart rate, oxygenation, temperature, carbon dioxide, respiration, and blood pressure) while the doctor performs the surgery
- Emergency Drugs: we also ensure your pet's safety by always having the emergency drugs already pre-drawn, should the need arise



- Monitoring your pet's vital signs after the procedure (temperature, heart rate, respiration rate) to ensure a smooth recovery
- Hospitalization care – includes monitoring your pet's vital signs after the procedure, bathroom breaks for dogs, low stress environment

**Microchip Implant:** This is for identification purposes in case your pet gets lost. A small chip, about the size of a grain of rice will be inserted under the skin on the back of your pet's neck. The microchip number along with your contact information will be registered with EIDAP (the microchip company). In the unfortunate case that your pet goes missing, a vet clinic can scan for the microchip and look up the number online to locate you (the owner).

If your pet already has a microchip or if you elect not to have a microchip implanted for your pet, please let us know the day of the procedure.

**Buster Collar:** The buster collar (cone), which is worn around the pet's neck is used post-surgery as a preventive measure to stop pets from being able to lick the incision site. The cone is worn for 10-14 days after surgery. Alternatively, we can instruct you if your pet can wear a t-shirt to protect the incision area.

**Pain Medication to Go Home:** After surgery your pet may experience some discomfort/pain. The medication that will be sent home will assist in making your pet comfortable during this time. In addition to pain medication, we provide a complimentary laser therapy treatment for your pet right after surgery. This helps speed up the healing process by 30-50%.