

CHEWS LANDING VETERINARY HOSPITAL

PRE-SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Here are the instructions you need to follow for a surgery or procedure requiring anesthesia:

**NO FOOD AFTER 8:00PM THE EVENING BEFORE SURGERY
(SORRY, NO TREATS, EITHER.)**

Fresh water should be made available to your pet up until surgery

Surgery patients are admitted to the hospital between 8-8:30 AM the day of surgery.

Surgeries are performed during the morning/early afternoon hours.

Please call after 3:00 PM for progress reports and an estimated discharge time.

Patients admitted for routine surgeries should be picked up before 7:00 PM,
unless other arrangements have been made.

Optional/elective services provided at time of admission for an additional cost:

Pre-op Bloodwork – A full physical exam was performed on your pet during your initial visit; however, we also recommend pre-operative bloodwork. This is recommended for all pets, especially for pets **5 years and older**, to rule out any pre-existing problems that may not be evident on a physical exam, but could possibly lead to complications. Pre-op bloodwork can be performed prior to the day that surgery is scheduled or on the day of surgery before anesthesia is administered.

Post-op Pain Management – Thanks to advances in veterinary medicine, there are approved methods to alleviate pain and make our pets more comfortable following surgery. An injection can be given at the time of surgery and tablets or liquid can be prescribed for use at home.

Laser Surgery – We offer laser surgery for cat declaws and other surgical procedures. Laser surgery causes less bleeding and less pain for your pet. Recovery is the same.

Microchip – A permanent form of identification for your pet, an AVID microchip can be implanted while your pet is under anesthesia.

Radiographs – While not all surgical procedures require pre-operative x-rays, radiographs performed on animals under anesthesia are of much better quality. If your pet has symptoms of a condition where radiographs would be useful, x-rays can be done before or after the surgical procedure. Radiographs are always a good idea to check for spread of a tumor prior to removal.

Biopsy – If your pet is having a growth/lump removed, please mark it with nail polish or a permanent marker. If desired, the tumor tissue can be sent to the laboratory for evaluation to determine what it is comprised of and what additional treatment may be necessary after recovery from surgery.

PLEASE CALL TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND OPTIONAL SERVICES (Estimates are an approximation of the cost of surgery and are subject to adjustment depending on circumstances at the time of the procedure.)