

## Getting Ready for Your Pet's Surgery

### The Day BEFORE the Surgery / Anesthesia:

- Continue your pet's daily routine as usual with feeding and any medications, including antibiotics if you are currently administering them.
- No food after 10:00 p.m. the night before your pet is to go under anesthesia.
- Your pet may have water throughout the night but pick it up when you wake up in the morning.

### The Day OF the Surgery / Anesthesia:

- No breakfast and no antibiotic or pain medication. **If your pet inadvertently consumes food, please notify our personnel, so we can assess your pet in a timely manner.**
- Check in time is 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
- Be sure to tell us about anything concerning your pet that we should know before the anesthesia.
- Ask us any questions you might have. We want you to understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. Your pet's wellbeing is important to us, but we also want you to feel comfortable and informed about your pet's procedure.

### General Post-Surgery Expectations:

- You can expect a phone call once your pet is out of surgery. This will probably be in the afternoon, due to your doctor having multiple procedures in a day.
- Most pets can be picked up after 4 o'clock on the same day of their surgery. However, the doctor may decide that your pet needs to stay with us a little longer to be monitored while they come out of the anesthesia. (Some pets wake up faster than others). The doctor will discuss what time you should pick up when they give you your update post-surgery.
- Your pet may have sutures that should dissolve over time, but the doctor will want to recheck your pet in 1-3 weeks, it will be notated on your pet's report card. If there are any remaining sutures at the time of recheck, they will assess whether those need to be removed or not.
- Your doctor and technicians will give you personal discharge instructions for you to continue care at home.

**Thank you for choosing our facility for your pet's medical needs! Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great day!**