

You have scheduled your pet's surgical procedure, now what? Like you, we are incredibly bonded to our pets and we understand the thought of your pet undergoing general anesthesia can be nerve wracking. In an attempt to ease your concerns, we feel the best approach is to be as informative and transparent as possible.

### **Pre-operative Procedures:**

- Please do not feed your pet after midnight the night before general anesthesia, water is ok
- If your pet is diabetic, please feed and give insulin as you normally would. Your pet will be given an anti-emetic (to minimize vomiting) and his/her glucose will be checked prior to anesthesia
- Check-in for surgical procedures begins at 8:30am
- Dr. Yee will meet with you, discuss your pet's procedure, expectations and address all questions/concerns you may have
- A thorough exam of your pet will be performed, as well as a pre-surgical blood panel to ensure your pet is safe to undergo general anesthesia
- While no anesthetic procedure is 100% risk free, these steps will minimize potential risks

### **Intra-operative Procedures:**

- While you attempt to keep your mind busy for the day, please be assured and find comfort in knowing we treat your pet as we would treat ours
- We use a combination of highly trained individuals, technological equipment and tlc to provide your pet with an exceptional standard of care
- If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 248-801-9900

### **Post-operative Procedures:**

Following your pet's surgical procedure, we will closely monitor your pet as he/she recovers from general anesthesia. Your pet's care and comfort are our number one priorities. Upon recovery, a member of our team will contact you to provide you with an update and to confirm a discharge time. Once recovered and alert, your pet will be walked outside to get some fresh air and relieve him/herself as needed.

### **Discharge Instructions:**

- Expect to pick your pet up between 4:30-5:30pm (unless otherwise agreed upon)
- Keep your pet in a quiet, warm environment for the evening. Indoor/outdoor pets should remain indoors for at least 12 hours following general anesthesia
- Offer ½ of your pet's dinner meal at least one hour after arriving home
- If he/she eats and keeps his/her meal down for 30 minutes, you may feed the other half

- If your pet vomits or is disinterested in eating, he/she may still be nauseous from anesthesia
- No need to worry, allow your pet to rest and try again in the morning
- Incisional care is not required; cleaning or topical medication is not needed (unless otherwise directed)
- Mild pink tinged incisional oozing can be normal the first 12 hours after surgery
- Should you observe active red bleeding, please contact us or an emergency service
- On a daily basis, please monitor your pet's incision(s) for debris, discharge, excessive heat, malodor and swelling
- Please note, the more active your pet is following a surgical procedure, the more likely his/her incision will swell. This will result in delayed healing.
- Your pet may lick at his/her incision due to hair regrowth and/or scabbing. Please ensure your pet cannot access his/her incision. This will result in delayed healing and a potential infection.
- If your pet has received sutures/staples, please return in 10-14 days to have them removed. This appointment can be scheduled as a technician appointment and there is no charge.
- Please contact us with any questions/concerns at 248-801-9900 during regular business hours or an emergency veterinarian at Blue Pearl Pet Hospital at 248-371-3713 after hours