



FERGUS VETERINARY HOSPITAL
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Our approaches to care are purposely designed to avoid complications and to ensure your pet receives humane care to our exacting standards. To do your part please follow these guidelines.

SURGICAL / PROCEDURE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FORM

- *Prior to surgery day; do not change diets, treats or feeding routine as vomiting, diarrhea or soft stools may result, thus increasing the risk of infection or complications.
 - Withhold all food and treats after 7:00pm. [Unless otherwise directed]
 - Water may be left down after this time period. [Unless otherwise directed]
- If you are currently administering any medications or supplements, discuss their schedule with the veterinarian upon scheduling the procedure. Medications or supplements [including natural] may increase risks associated with the procedure.

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of the scheduled procedure / surgery, at 8.00 am unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns.

Our veterinary technician or staff member will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their procedure. Any required tests will be performed at this time. If any questions or concerns arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the **Authorization Form** you will complete the morning of the procedure or surgery.

At admission you will be asked to review the treatment plan to confirm it aligns with your desires and understandings. Contact information will be confirmed for the time period your pet is expected to be at the hospital.

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will help with any insurance forms, staff members will address any questions and explain findings, medications, homecare directions and so on. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more time. Also you can email, call, text, chat, for clarification on any issues and to update on patient progress.

We hope the surgery / procedure day will be a calm, gentle, and pleasant experience. Remember, our team knows this can be an anxious time and we are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet for the upcoming veterinary procedure and years to come. We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day. **Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.**



SURGICAL / PROCEDURE INFORMATION PACKET

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

Risks are a fact of life. However they can be reduced by skillful and conscientious care.

Everyone wants to reduce risk; There is no substitute for knowledge to reduce risk. Pets are good at hiding health issues that can affect the safety of procedures. Depending on the patient these are some of the

common steps taken to increase your confidence in the approach taken.

Blood tests based on the age, breed, procedure, length of sedation or anesthesia and any required post procedure pain control.

EKG= electrocardiogram should the check up heart evaluation detect a suspicious rhythm or there are breed tendencies to have hidden heart issues.

Radiographs= xrays to image areas of concern. Chest, heart, lungs, bones joints etc.

Ultrasound to image soft tissues of interest, spleen, liver, heart,etc.

Urinalysis = urine tests

Safety during procedures

People that have experience and skills are critical to safe procedures. The ability to recognize something is wrong before the monitors go off can only be learned with experience.

Patients are individuals thus medications, pain therapies and anesthetics should be prepared based on the individual and not imposed by protocols that treat pets like they are all the same.

Monitoring devices: we use combinations of monitors including blood pressure monitors, respiration monitors, electrocardiograms, pulse oximeters, wearable monitors, body temperature, and capnographs tailored to your pet's case.

Obsessive attention to the patients body temperature. Anesthetics do reduce the body's ability to keep its temperature in the normal range. Warm water circulating pad, warm air blankets, heat reflective sheets, and so on are used to preserve body temperature increasing safety. Infrared heaters controlled by thermostat are used post procedure to continue temperature preservation.

Intravenous fluids. It is predictable that blood pressure will drop under anesthesia. To ensure it stays in a safe range providing intravenous fluid is needed. For accuracy fluids are delivered by pumps which control the amount given.

Pain control. Most people do not know that most anesthetics do not provide much pain control, they do deliver the needed unconsciousness. The better the use of pain medications before and during the procedure the less anesthetic needed [=safer] and the less pain medication needed post procedure. Pain control is best provided for 7 or more days post surgery in most cases.

During this visit you may wish to have these other services performed for convenience, ease, or since already sedated or anesthetized.

Microchip identification | Anal gland check | Heartworm test | Feline leukaemia test | Lump testing |

Urine test | Radiographs | Ultrasound | Oral therapy[dentistry] | Other as requested

If you still have questions regarding procedures, surgery, anesthesia, or safety
contact us at your convenience for answers.