

Spay / Neuter Information



Pre-Surgical Instructions

- No food after 10:00 p.m. the night before surgery
- Water should be available at all times
- Take your dog for a walk the morning before surgery
- Arrive at the clinic to drop off your pet at 8 am, unless otherwise arranged
- Allow for time in the morning for you to read and sign an authorization form.
- Prepare to pick up your pet after 3:30 p.m. the same day of surgery

Elective Services:

When your pet is in for a scheduled service there are some extra services that might be of benefit to you and your pet. You may authorize these services at time of booking appointment or when your pet is admitted in the morning. Provided here is some information to allow you to make an educated decision:

Vaccines:

- Rabies vaccine
- Distemper vaccine
- Kennel Cough vaccine
- Lyme Disease vaccine
- Feline leukemia vaccine

Pre-Anesthesia Bloodwork:

We recommend this profile at a minimum. It allows us to find out enough about your pet's electrolytes, blood proteins, kidney and liver function, as well as the quantity and quality of red and white blood cells to better ensure your pet's ability to undergo a smooth anesthesia. This information will help us help your pet through and after today's procedures. This also provides us with a baseline of what is normal in your pet. If your pet is ever sick, we can compare it to your pet's actual normal values.

Snap Test:

We can perform a simple blood test for dogs and cats to detect:

Dogs – tick diseases and heartworm

Cats – feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia virus

Sample Submission to Referral Laboratory:

If we are removing a growth / lump from your pet, you can let us know ahead of time if you would like the lump submitted to the lab. Submitting lumps and masses to the lab gives us more information about your pet and the growth that we removed (ie. was it completely removed, what type of mass is it, what is the likelihood of the mass returning)

Fecal Examination & Dewormer:

If you are unsure if your pet needs to be dewormed, we can look at a fecal sample from your pet. This will help us ensure your pet is rid of internal parasites.

Ear Mite Check and Treatment:

We can check your cat's ears for presence of ear mites, especially if we notice that they are dirty. If they have ear mites, we can also clean the ears and give a treatment for the mites.

Ectoparasite Treatment:

You can select for us to send home a treatment/preventative for flea and ticks for your pet.
(ie. Bravecto/Nexgard)

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Microchip/Tattoo:

In most cases, when lost pets are found, their collars have been lost. If your pet should become separated from you, you want your pet microchipped. Virtually all humane societies and animal control agencies scan pets for microchips.

Ear tattoos are another form of identification that allows people to easily see that a pet belongs to someone. The tattoo is specific to your pet and follow a system that vet clinics can reference to help get your pet returned to you.

Ear Flush / Clean

We perform a thorough clean of your pets' ears while they are here for another procedure. This can be for a suspected infection, possible ear mites or just for a routine cleaning.

Umbilical Hernia Repair

Retained Baby Teeth:

We recommend any baby teeth that haven't fallen out naturally to be extracted if your pet is 6 months old or older.

Back-leg Dewclaw Removal:

Some dogs can be born with extra dewclaws on their back feet. These claws can be removed at the same time as the procedure that your dog is booked in for. It is recommended that most dogs have their extra dewclaws removed to prevent injury, but it is more important in working dogs (ie. hunting/herding dog breeds)

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