



## Pinnacle Animal Hospital

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### Pre-Surgical Information

- ✓ Pets need to be fasted for 12 hours prior to surgery. **Give no food after 8pm the night before surgery.** Please ensure that your pet has access to water.
- ✓ We will schedule a drop-off appointment for the morning of surgery. Please arrive at the scheduled time and leave enough time to review and sign the consent form.
  - If we have not seen your pet before, the appointment will be with one of our veterinarians who will perform a physical examination on your pet.
- ✓ Most routine surgeries can go home between 3:30 and 4:30pm. We will set up a discharge time for your pet when you drop them off in the morning.
- ✓ Surgeries are performed in the mornings Monday through Friday.
- ✓ Please ensure you leave a contact phone number of where we can reach you on the day of surgery.
- ✓ Full payment is due when your pet is discharged.

### Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing

- Our in-hospital blood screening will help determine your pet's health status and ability to tolerate anesthesia. We recommend it for a number of reasons:
  1. Detect hidden illness – Although your pet appears healthy, they could be hiding signs of disease that could increase their anesthetic risk.
  2. Protect your pet's future health – This bloodwork is a helpful baseline for future reference.
- Dehydration, infection, anemia, stress, inflammation, liver disease, kidney disease, bleeding problems can affect your pet's anesthesia and recovery from surgery.
- Cats: You may want to consider testing for Feline Leukemia virus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. These are fatal infectious diseases carried by many stray cats. The veterinarian can help determine if this testing is recommended for your cat.

### Pre-Surgical Exam

- A pre-surgical examination with one of our veterinarians is required if we have not seen your pet before (or if the last exam was not recent).
- This exam is to ensure your pet is healthy and ensure there are no health conditions requiring additional attention.
- Common health conditions:
  - Retained deciduous teeth (baby teeth still present in addition to adult teeth): These teeth require extraction as they can lead to future health concerns for your pet.
  - Hernia: Hole in the abdominal wall which allows protrusion of abdominal fat, and sometimes organs. Surgical repair of hernias is recommended.
  - Ear infections or ear mites are very common and these conditions may be easily treated. In severe cases, the ears should be flushed while under general anesthetic to remove debris before medicating.
- Our veterinarians may give recommendations for your pet's preventative care as well, such as vaccine and deworming protocols.

### **Post-surgical Care**

- Your pet received an anesthetic. Most animals are tired and need to rest for the first 24 hours. Please monitor your pet on stairs and furniture.
- Restrict food intake to small, frequent amounts over the first 12 hours.
- Restrict exercise for the following 7-10 days. No running, jumping or playing. Short walks on-leash only. Cats should be kept indoors.
- Analgesics (pain-medication) are given during surgery, and your pet will typically be sent home with pain medication to help keep them comfortable during the recovery.
- For most surgeries the stitches are under the skin and will dissolve. Please monitor the incision for redness, swelling, or discharge.
- It is important to keep your pet from licking at their incision. It is often recommended that they wear an E-Collar while their incision heals.

**If you are concerned about your pet please call. There is no charge for a post-surgical recheck.**

### **Special Notes for Cat Declaws**

- Declaws stay in the hospital overnight.
- The feet may be tender for 1-2 weeks. All cats are kept on pain medication for 4 days.
- It is recommended to use non-gritty litter such as *Yesterday's News*, or shredded paper for 2 weeks while the incisions heal.

### **Pricing**

The price of routine surgeries such as spays and neuters will include injectable sedatives & gas anesthesia, anesthetic monitoring, IV fluids during surgery, nursing care, injectable pain medication, nail trimming and suture removal if necessary. To accommodate working schedules, a free night stay is available if needed.

There will be an extra charge for the following

- Female that is older than 1 year, in heat or pregnant
- Retained testicles in males
- Umbilical hernia repair
- Removal of retained deciduous (baby) teeth

Pre-anesthetic bloodwork is an extra charge.

### **Please consider if your pet requires any of the following:**

- Vaccines
- Micro-chip
- Heartworm Testing
- Deworming, heartworm and flea prevention

**For questions, concerns or if you would like a quote, please phone us at 613-433-3100**