

College Mall Veterinary Hospital

What you need to know when checking your pet in for surgery or a procedure:

When your pet comes in for surgery or a procedure that requires anesthesia or sedation, you will be asked to sign a consent form. There are questions that will be asked regarding, whether we are to do blood tests before the procedure, IV fluids during the procedure, and send home pain medications. You will also ask if you would like us to place a microchip for permanent form of identification in your pet while he or she is under sedation.

These are all recommendations that incur more expense, so we place these questions on the consent form so that you will know what expense to expect and to give you a chance to ask questions or decline the service if the expense is more than you can afford.

Blood Tests- We offer pre-anesthetic blood tests that include some kidney and liver enzymes and blood glucose levels. This may help us determine if there is an underlying problem such as kidney failure, diabetes or other conditions that would change what anesthesia regimen we would use or indicate we should not do a certain procedure. Many times these blood tests have been done several days before the procedure with blood sent to an outside lab for results. If that has not been done we can do a short profile in the office the day of surgery which will help us determine these things.

IV Fluids- Intravenous fluids during anesthetic procedures provide a valuable measure of safety and comfort to your pet. We use them to help maintain optimal blood pressure, to combat dehydration from the fasting so your pet can recover more rapidly and comfortably from the effects of anesthesia, and to maintain good blood flow through the kidneys and other organs during anesthesia. The IV line also gives us a direct route for administering other drugs should they become necessary during the procedure.

Microchip- You may decide that this is a convenient time for your pet to be microchipped. It is a permanent form of identification, and your pet won't notice the needle stick when he/she is under anesthesia.

We use the consent form as a way to inform you as a client as to what we recommend and need to know before your animal has a procedure done. Hopefully, it is a time that we can answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your pet's procedure. As with any medical procedure, even though we expect good results there may be complications or situations that arise that have not been anticipated.

Please be sure that your pet has been fasted:

No food after 9 PM the night before the procedure.

Water is ok through the night but **please remove** it first thing in the morning.

(Your Veterinarian may give you different/additional instructions depending on the procedure being performed.)

MEDICATIONS should be given as prescribed unless otherwise instructed by your Veterinarian.

Check in time for surgery/procedures is between 8am-8: 30am.

Pet's Name _____ **Procedure** _____

Date of Procedure _____ **Veterinarian** _____