



Pre Operative Instructions

If your dog or cat is scheduled for sterilization, please follow these instructions before surgery:

Food and Water Intake: Withhold food and water from adult surgery patients after 10 p.m. the night before surgery, and do not give any food or water the morning of surgery.

If the Animal Is under 4 Months of Age: Withhold food and water after 10 p.m. the night before surgery but give half the normal amount of food and water the morning of surgery.

Use of Flea Prevention: Do not apply any over-the-counter flea products to patients 2 weeks before the day of surgery. This includes dips, powders, flea collars, or topical ointments from grocery stores or feed stores. Use of these products can be resumed anytime after surgery.

Safe Flea Prevention: Products like Advantage, Frontline, and Revolution are safe to apply before and after surgery.

Heartworm Prevention: Heartworm prevention should be administered as normal, regardless of the surgery date.

Nursing Animals: Be sure that lactating animals do not nurse for at least 2 weeks before the day of their surgery. Puppies and kittens should be between 6 and 8 weeks of age and eating and drinking on their own prior to spaying adult females.

Restraining Your Animal: Upon arrival, all dogs and cats must be restrained by a leash or in a carrier. Cats should be in a carrier but may be contained in a pillow case.

Feral Cats:

All feral cats must arrive in a humane box trap. Do not attempt to move a captured feral cat from a trap to a carrier. We will not accept feral cats in carriers for surgery.