



## Pre-Operative Instructions:

Before arriving at our clinic, please familiarize yourself with the important information below to help your pet have the best possible experience.

1. To help prevent common diseases, we strongly recommend your pet be vaccinated at least one week prior to surgery. While no vaccine is 100% effective, vaccination will lessen the chance of your pet contracting disease, as well as decrease the severity of disease if your pet does become sick. In addition, state law requires a current rabies vaccination for all dogs and cats 16 weeks and older. ***Please provide proof of rabies vaccination in the form of a certificate*** (tags are not acceptable forms of proof). We are otherwise required to administer one at the time of surgery at the client's expense.
2. All pets, but especially dogs and cats 4 months or younger, should receive a small meal (1/4 of their normal amount) the morning of surgery. This helps prevent nausea related to anesthesia and hypoglycemia in young patients. Water does **NOT** need to be withheld prior to surgery.
3. Rabbits should not be fasted prior to surgery.
4. Check in time is **8:00am**. If you arrive after 8:30am, you may be asked to reschedule or pay a late fee of \$25.00. We do not accept patients after 9:00am.
5. Surgery check-in is curbside. Please remain in your vehicle and a staff member will assist you in the order you arrive.
6. All dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier. All cats and rabbits must be in carriers. Cardboard carriers are available for purchase at the clinic.
7. Feral/community cats must arrive in a humane cat trap with only 1 cat per trap. Please make sure to cover the trap (an old sheet works great for this!) to help the patient feel safe and secure. We also request that you do not line the bottom of the trap prior to surgery as this makes administering medication through the trap difficult.
8. **Pick-up is at 3:30pm for dogs & cats. Rabbit pick-up is at 1:30pm.** We will unlock our lobby door 15 minutes prior to pick-up time. Please enter the lobby for post-operative instructions.