

Surgery For Your Pet

Your pet's safety and comfort are very important to us here at Catawba Animal Clinic. So that we can help insure their health, all pets having surgery here must be examined by one of our doctors. If we have examined them within the past year, the pre-surgical exam will be performed at no charge. For the safety of all of our patients, all pets having surgery here must also be current on the preventive immunizations recommended for them, given by a licensed veterinarian. If needed, we can update those protective vaccines.

Several services that we provide to further enhance your pet's safety and comfort are detailed below.

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Screening evaluates those organ systems most directly affecting the safety of anesthesia, (the liver & kidneys) and tests for anemia and dehydration. This testing can help us plan the anesthetic procedures that are the best for your pet. We can perform this test the same morning of surgery.

For our mature patients, over 6 years old, we recommend more intensive blood testing. This is a comprehensive diagnostic health check which provides valuable information for both anesthetic safety and future health care.

If Blood Screening results are not in the normal range, we will discuss our findings with you. Sometimes we adjust the medicine or the procedure to make it safer for the pet. Occasionally we postpone the surgery until a medical problem is resolved.

For patients undergoing general anesthesia, we recommend intravenous fluids during the procedure. An intravenous catheter and fluids help maintain blood pressure, oxygen perfusion, assist the body in processing anesthetic medicines more efficiently, and provide immediate access to give medications in case of emergencies.

We provide Pain Management medication following surgery. Our pets feel pain just as we do, even though they may not show it on the outside.

We also recommend a microchip. This is an advanced pet identification and recovery system. It is a service that can be done anytime. The pet does not need to be anesthetized, but an elective anesthetic procedure is a convenient time to do this. We see the importance of identification of lost or injured pets daily, so we take every opportunity to discuss this matter with our clients.

PLEASE CHECK THE SERVICE YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PROVIDE:

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Screen Complete Blood Profile Early Detection Panel
 I prefer **no** pre-anesthetic test be performed at this time.

Perioperative Fluids (General Anesthesia) I prefer **no** perioperative fluids be given.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PET IDENTIFIED WITH A MICROCHIP?
(Free on line Registration) YES NO

PROCEDURE (S): _____ DATE: _____

DOCTOR: _____

I hereby authorize and direct Catawba Animal Clinic, P.A., to perform the procedure(s) noted above and to administer anesthetics or other drugs as deemed advisable for my pet. I understand the nature of the procedure(s) and the relative risks involved. I authorize Catawba Animal Clinic, P.A. or its agents to provide any appropriate care should an unexpected complication arise.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/RESPONSIBLE AGENT: _____

PHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU MAY BE REACHED: _____

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Preparing Your Pet For Surgery

Your pet is scheduled to have a surgery here at Catawba Animal Clinic, and we hope that this information will be helpful as we prepare for that procedure.

Food and Water: The only restriction for your pet is that no breakfast is permitted the morning of surgery. Regular food the day before is fine, and water even the morning of surgery is encouraged. (Anesthesia can sometimes cause an upset stomach; and vomiting while asleep can be dangerous.)

When to bring your pet: Unless we have given different specific instructions, we ask that you bring your pet in for surgery between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on the day of surgery. Please allow approximately 15 minutes for our nursing staff to complete the necessary authorization forms and to answer any questions you may have. We will briefly discuss pre-anesthetic testing, pain management, and other important items.

While your pet is here: After pre-anesthetic testing and pre-op exams are complete, we then begin the surgical procedures. Each patient is anesthetized and the surgery is performed. The pet is monitored throughout the procedure, and after the surgery is completed, recovery is supervised in our treatment area.

When to call: Most of the procedures are completed by early to mid-afternoon. After their recovery period, most patients are able to go home the same day. Please feel free to call between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. to see when we recommend picking up your pet.

When your pet goes home: We will provide detailed information for you on how to care for your pet at home after surgery. Our staff will answer any questions you may have—please feel free to ask.