



Stonewall Veterinary Clinic
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PRE-SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

Night Before Surgery

Do not feed after 12:00 midnight. No water intake after 6:00 a.m. on the day of surgery. An empty stomach is necessary for the anesthetic and surgical procedure, as well as for recovery.

Day of Surgery

Please arrive at the clinic between 8:00 – 8:30 am on the morning of surgery. If you are unable to arrive at that time you may drop off your pet the evening prior to surgery. Please inform us ahead of time if this is necessary. An overnight boarding fee will apply. Also, please inform our customer service reps at the time of check-in if your pet is on any medications or has special needs during its stay with us (i.e. has your pet had its medication(s) on the morning of surgery, are you leaving meds with us, special diet needs). A veterinarian or veterinary technician will call you once your pet's procedure is complete, your pet is awake and has recovered from anesthesia.

Discharge: male cat neuter – same day discharge
female cat spay – next day discharge
dog neuter/spay – next day discharge
cat declaw – two night stay, second day discharge

This discharge schedule allows adequate time for recuperation and for the doctor to examine your pet before discharge. Discharge time may vary depending on your pet's recovery. Discharge time will normally be after 9 a.m. We recommend you call ahead to confirm your pet's condition and pickup time. For other elective procedures (dental, tumor removal, miscellaneous surgical procedures), discharge time will be determined as appropriate for your pet.

Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork

Anesthesia is metabolized by your pet's kidneys and liver. In order to know more about your pet's anesthesia tolerance, and for your pet's safety, we highly recommend pre-anesthetic bloodwork. Bloodwork is not required for patients 7 and under but we always recommend it. (**see below) Bloodwork checks all the organs that the anesthesia will affect to assess whether the patient is healthy enough for surgery and checks for how quickly the blood will clot to minimize surgery risks for the patient. It is especially important if your pet has had any underlying past or present medical condition(s).

If pre-anesthetic bloodwork is done on the day of the surgery it will cost \$99.00. If you come in 2 days before the surgery and do the bloodwork it will be \$90.00.

****For pets that are age seven and older, bloodwork is required within six months of any anesthetic procedure and/or as deemed necessary by the veterinarian for your pet's safety.**

Questions: Please feel free to ask any questions prior to your pet's procedure. A prepared list may be helpful to you in making sure we have addressed all your concerns.