

IN PATIENT ADMITTING INSTRUCTIONS

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We ask all of our clients who are admitting patients to **please allow yourself ample time to admit your pet into the hospital, at least 15 minutes.** This may require you to make changes in your schedule. We make every effort to make the check in process as timely and efficient as possible but we cannot rush the process and possible miss important information pertaining to your pet's procedure. Your pet's safety is our main concern. Keep in mind that there is no curb side parking available in-front of the main hospital. Unfortunately, you may get a ticket and if you do we are not held liable.

All patients being admitted into the hospital are to be dropped off between the hours of **8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** unless prior arrangements have been made. This allows for our technicians to prep them for their procedures. Different procedures require different preparations and time may vary accordingly. **All procedures will begin around 10 a.m. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BY 2PM FOR AN UPDATE IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM US!**

- **ONCE THE ANESTHIC PROCEDURE IS BOOKED YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CALL 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE.**
- **ALL PETS MUST BE CURRENT ON ALL VACCINATIONS/TESTS TO BE ADMITTED,** unless the veterinarian feels that your pet can not be vaccinated due to medical reasons.
 - **Canine: DHPP, Rabies, Bordetella, Fecal/Giardia, Heartworm negative**
 - **Feline: FVRCP, Rabies, Fecal/Giardia, Felv/FIV negative**
- **ALL PETS MUST HAVE A PREOPERATIVE BLOOD SCREEN PRIOR TO BEING SEDATED**
- **Dental procedures** - Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Routine surgeries** - are performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Emergency surgeries will have the appropriate scheduling changes.
- **Grooming** - if your pet is being sedated the following must be complied with.

Any pet being put under sedation/anesthesia: we ask that you do not allow them to have food after 9PM the night before; they may have water through the night but pick it up first thing in the am. This allows enough time for the stomach to be empty before sedation. If they have food it may cause a delay and/or a cancellation of the procedure. If your pet is having surgery, expect the surgery site to be shaved and either closed with sutures or staples to be removed at a later date. If the procedure requires anesthesia, a small portion of the leg will be shaved for the placement of the I.V. catheter. Pets being brought in for abdominal ultrasounds will have the entire abdominal area shaved as well as their sides if needed. **Any pet being admitted to have blood work done: we ask that they do not have any food after midnight the night before.**

Expect the following when checking the patient into the hospital:

1. Obtaining a current weight of the pet.
2. Review of owner contact information and number where we can reach you for the day.
3. Review of medical care plan with the owner, obtaining signature and **full payment at time of drop off.**
4. Your pet will have a cage card and label attached to carrier.

If your pet is having the following performed expect your pet to spend: These are mandatory:

1. **Ovariohysterectomy** (Cat/Dog) (SPAY) (FEMALES): may go home later that same day. Depending on your pet's condition, they may be required to spend the night.
2. **Neuter** (Cat/Dog) (BOYS): may go home later that same day.
3. **Declaw:** (CATS): may go home after two days, this allows us to watch the incisions and for routine bandage changes. You will also receive a special litter that you will need to use until instructed to discontinue.