

Pre-Surgical Information

No one likes the thought of their pet undergoing surgery, but we know there are certain problems that require surgical intervention for recovery.

You should not be unnecessarily concerned. There have been many recent advances in veterinary surgery. Anesthesia, surgical monitoring and surgical techniques are very advanced to insure your pet's safety. In fact, it parallels that routinely used in human surgery.

Pre-surgical testing is often recommended to insure your pet's safety by diagnosing any problems not readily apparent. Blood screening for disease is a routine procedure in human medicine.

Many pets are anemic or diabetic, which increases the surgical risk, especially if not known. You would not think of having surgery on yourself without pre-laboratory surgical testing to insure safety.

All surgery is performed with sterile instruments and gloves, just as in our human counterparts. Separate sterile packs are used for each animal.

Most of our surgical cases stay one night for us to observe for any complications.

Instructions before bringing in your pet for elective surgery:

1. No food after midnight the night before surgery (water is fine).
2. Be sure to tell us about anything concerning your pet we should know.
3. Have the pet at the clinic on the day of surgery between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 AM.