

## **PRE AND POST ANESTHETIC AND SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### **APPLIES TO PETS THAT WILL BE ADMITTED FOR ANESTHESIA/SURGERY**

Please do not feed your pet after 6 PM the evening before surgery. Do not allow access to any food after 6:00. No need to restrict access to water.

Please be sure to give your dog time to urinate and defecate before bringing to the clinic the morning of surgery.

Drop off time for scheduled surgeries is between 7:30 and 8:00 unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

### **THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR PETS THAT WERE ANESTHETIZED**

Your pet can be offered a small amount of water a short while after arriving home. Increasingly larger amounts of water can be offered if there is no vomiting. Within an hour after you get home, a small amount of food can be offered. If your pet eats and keeps the food down, progressively larger amounts can be given gradually during the evening.

It is common for dogs and cats that have been anesthetized to cough or hack a small amount for a day or two after the procedure. This is because we place an endotracheal tube to protect the airway and to provide oxygen and anesthesia during the procedure.

Try to limit your pet's activity for a few days after surgery. As the pet feels better, gradually allow normal activity to resume.

If the doctor or technician indicated suture removal is necessary, please call to schedule an appointment for sutures to be removed (this is usually very quick) at no charge two weeks after surgery.

No bathing or swimming please until sutures have been removed, or for 10 days post-op if your pet does not require suture removal.

Check your pet's incision daily until healed. You may clean with dilute hydrogen peroxide if needed. Some minor swelling, bruising, or seepage of clear or blood-tinged fluid is normal for many incisions. If you feel that your pet's incision is not healing properly, call us. There is no charge for us to check to make sure that the incision is O.K.

It is considered normal for pets to lick at their incision(s) a small amount. Excessive licking, chewing, or scratching may cause problems with the sutures and/or incision. Call us if your pet will not leave the surgical site alone. Elizabethan collars are available from us or at local pet stores.

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DECLAWED CATS

Please use only the special litter provided (Yesterday's News) for one week or until it is used up. You may then return to the normal litter.

Cats will be tender on their front feet for a week or two, and will bear more weight on their rear legs. Try to limit jumping up or down during this period.