

Surgical Information Packet

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery or dentistry in the near future. In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together this packet to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

In addition to this letter, you will find the following information enclosed:

1. Pre-anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
2. Anesthesia and Surgical Procedure Release (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)
3. Dental Treatment Consent (for dentistry patients – **Bring in Day of Dental**)

Please carefully read all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign the Anesthesia and Surgical Procedure or Dental Treatment Consent. If you have not received an estimate previously and would like one, please ask our check-in technician for one. We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day. Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the procedure.

The night before your pets' surgery please:

1. Withhold all food (including treats) after midnight, leave water down.
2. If your pet is currently on medications, withhold the morning dose unless otherwise directed by the doctor.

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of surgery by someone 18 years of age or older. New clients are required to have a pre-surgical exam scheduled with a doctor prior to dropping off their pet. At the time of drop-off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and discuss optional services with you. The veterinary technician will then escort your pet to the back. If your pet is having any of the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests, our nurse will collect the samples and start the tests prior to surgery. If any concerns or questions arise, the doctor will contact you at the number you provide on the day of surgery.

You are welcome to check up on your pet, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pets' procedure to be done. We routinely call between 1:00pm – 3:00pm to let you know how your pets' procedure went and when he/she will likely be ready for discharge. If you have not received a call by 3:30pm, please call and we will give you an idea when your pet will be ready to go home. When you arrive to take your pet home, the veterinary nurse will go over all discharge instructions and give you a written copy. A receptionist will then bill you out while a technician brings your pet to you. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask!

We hope surgery day will be a pleasant experience for you and your pet. Southgate Animal Clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain medication before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to go home.

We look forward to seeing you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and for years to come.