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PRESURGICAL 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 overly 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.

All Pets Receive A Presurgical Physical Examination To Determine Health Status. **PRESURGICAL SCREENING** is required to insure your pet's safety & to diagnose any problems not readily apparent.

Required testing includes:

- Blood counts to assess blood components.
- In the case of seniors (patients over 8yrs), a blood chemistry profile to assess organ functions.

Recommended Testing includes:

- A heartworm test if your dog has not received one in the past year.
- A feline aids/leukemia test if your cat was a stray, and a test has not already been performed.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY:

HOME PREPARATION FOR SURGERY:

- No food after 9:00 p.m. the night before surgery.
- Free-choice water should remain available at all times until the morning of surgery.
- If the pet's condition warrants it, engage in mild to moderate exercise your pet the morning of surgery before bringing to the clinic to encourage bowel movements, and to decrease anxiety upon admission.

WHEN THE PET IS ADMITTED:

- Be sure to tell us about anything concerning your pet we should know before surgery.
- Review the Surgical Consent form thoroughly and fill out all required information.
- Ask us any questions you might have.
- Consider additional simple procedures that are much cheaper to do when the pet is already anesthetized for other surgery. These procedures do not greatly increase surgical time or cost. These procedures are listed on the surgical consent form for your convenience.