

Tuckahoe Veterinary Hospital
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Pre-Op Instructions

Food/Water Intake The Night Before Scheduled Surgery

- **No food or treats** after **8 pm** the night before surgery.
- Your pet may have water over night, but please remove all access to water first thing in the morning.
- Please remember that if there are multiple pets in the household to remove **all** food bowls.

Drop Off Instructions The Day Of Surgery

- Please have your pet at our hospital between **7:30 and 8:00 am**. It is important to arrive promptly so that the pre-operative examination and pre-anesthetic blood testing can be performed in a timely manner.
- All patients must be current on vaccinations to be admitted into the hospital unless specified by the veterinarian.
- Please allow a few moments to complete the surgery/anesthesia form if you did not bring it with you or to complete microchipping information if you have requested this service.
- Our receptionists will answer any questions you may have and review any additional procedures that can be performed while your pet is in our care.

Procedures

- Surgical procedures are performed between **12 noon and 3 pm** the day of surgery.
- The doctor or technician will inform you when the procedure is complete and while your pet is recovering from anesthesia. You will be informed of you pet's discharge time. Generally, these calls are made after 3 pm the day of surgery.
- If you have not been contacted by 4 pm, please feel free to call for a patient update.

Surgical Discharge

- Outpatients will be discharged between **5 and 5:30 pm** the day of surgery and a technician or receptionist will review discharge instructions and post-operative care with you.
- Patients that remain in the hospital overnight will be re-evaluated the next morning by the doctor.
- Please call after 9:30 am for an update on your pet's condition. Discharge will be scheduled after 10 am.
- A discharge summary with post-operative care instructions will be provided at the time of pick-up.