



Anesthesia/ Surgery Patient Instructions

Acredale Animal Hospital

How to Prepare:

- ✓ **Ensure your pet's vaccines have been updated.** We require the following to help decrease risks of infection acquired while hospitalized.
 - Cats: FVRCP, Rabies Vaccine
 - Dogs: DHPPV, Rabies Vaccine, Bordetella, Canine Influenza
- ✓ **Blood work is included in your estimate** to screen for any abnormalities that may affect how your pet is able to process the anesthetic gas and pain medications. Ideally, this is done **2 weeks prior** to your pet's surgical procedure, to allow time for a comprehensive screening to be sent to our laboratory at a lower cost/ increased value. This also allows us to identify potential problems that may postpone the surgery prior to the day it is scheduled. If you are unable to come prior to your appointment, a brief panel can be done in-house the morning of the procedure for an additional cost.
- ✓ **Do not feed your pet after 12 am** the night before the procedure. An empty stomach is important to help prevent regurgitation/ nausea and aspiration pneumonia.
- ✓ Please complete the attached **Authorization Form** and bring it with you when dropping off your pet. On this form, please provide us with a phone number where you can be reached on the day of the procedure.

What to Expect:

- **DROP OFF:** Our standard drop off time is **between 7:30 and 8 am**. At this time, a veterinary technician will go through the above check list with you: ensuring your pet's vaccines are up to date, blood work has been completed, your pet has not had access to food after midnight, and verify that you understand the material printed in the authorization form.
- **ADDITIONAL SERVICES:** Your pet will receive a complementary nail trim while sedated. We will also offer to place a microchip—this device is a permanent identification marker that can be scanned by animal control, shelters, and veterinary hospitals. In the event your pet is lost, it provides these facilities with your name and contact information so that your pet can be reunited with you. If you have any other additional services you would like performed on the day of your pet's procedure, please call to request these ahead of time so that they can be added to the schedule.
- **UPDATES:** You will receive a call after your pet has recovered from anesthesia with an update and pick up time frame.
- **HOSPITAL DISCHARGE:** When you arrive to pick up your pet, you will meet with a surgical assistant or technician to discuss medications, home care, and monitoring. If you would like to expedite the discharge process—please request *express checkout* when dropping your pet off in the morning. This will allow us to discuss the discharge instructions and take payment from you over the phone, and reduce your wait time at pick up.