

Thank you for entrusting us with your pet's care. Our skilled and compassionate team will do everything we can to make sure he/she is comfortable throughout the day. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to become familiar with the following instructions.

**Instructions for you.**

1. You may drop your pet off between 8-10 AM the morning of your surgery. Be advised that this process of checking into the hospital may take up to 30 minutes. Registration paperwork will be completed. You will be seen by a technician and your pet will be made comfortable in our surgical ward. Because we are an Emergency Hospital as well as the surgical referral, please be patient if the staff is helping patients in need of emergency care.
2. Your pet will probably go home between 5-7 PM the same evening unless indicated otherwise.
3. Dr. Hassinger will personally call you after the surgical procedure. A discharge time will be established at that time.
4. We will provide blankets and comfort items for your pet. Please do not bring toys, blankets or clothing for your pet. We cannot place them in with your pet.
5. If you will be using a carrier to transport your pet, please be prepared to take that home with you the morning of surgery. Our hospital area is utilized for patient care and unfortunately we do not have daytime storage space for carriers.
6. At check in, we require one half of the estimated surgical charges. You may provide a credit care, VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card or CareCredit, check (in your name/with proof of identity) or cash.

Dr. Hassinger would like you to observe the following instructions for your pet prior to surgery.

**Instructions for your pet:**

1. Do not give your pet any food after 8 PM the night before surgery.
2. Pick up the water bowl after midnight. Water is fine in small amounts until your pet is admitted for surgery.
3. If your pet is on any medication:
  - a. **Always** notify the admitting team member of the medications your pet takes regularly. You might want to bring a list, just like you would to your doctor.
  - b. If your pet is on medications that might be necessary if he/she has to stay in the hospital overnight, please bring those with you.
  - c. **Discontinue** the following **three (3) days prior to the surgery**
    - i. Non steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as Deramaxx, Rimadyl, etc.
    - ii. Steroids such as Prednisone.
  - d. Antibiotics may be given until the morning of surgery. Do not give the morning dose the day of surgery.
  - e. Therapeutic medications such as Phenobarbital, Thyrosine, and Enalapril, may be given however, **tell us which medications your pet is taking and the time of the last dose.**

**Please call if you have any specific questions or concerns. Our phone number is 570-208-8844.**