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## *Surgical Procedures*

Dear Client,

We know that the day of your pet's surgery can be a stressful time for you. We would like to do all that we can to ensure that both you and your pet are comfortable with all aspects of your big day. Please take a moment to look over this sheet and familiarize yourself with our surgical process.

The first part of the morning we are checking in all surgical patients. At this time we will double check that we have all of the necessary information from you, that all paperwork is correctly filled out, and answer any pre-operative questions you may have. Next, we will run any blood work needed, and evaluate all blood work that was run previously. Each patient will receive a full physical exam, and we will evaluate their medical history for any pertinent information. Following this, the patient will receive pre-anesthetic medications as we begin to prepare our surgical suite. The order that the surgeries are performed in is determined by many things. Patient age, type of procedure, procedure length, and each patient's individual risk factors are only a few. During each procedure, your pet is monitored closely using a combination of the following technology: ECG, pulse oximetry, blood pressure, and hands-on monitoring performed by a qualified technician. We continue to monitor your pet's vital signs for the duration of their stay, long after the surgical procedure is over.

Each patient's discharge time is determined by how quickly they recover from anesthesia. It is important to us that each pet is allowed to recover at their own pace for optimal comfort. We will call you once your pet is waking to update you on his/her status and set up a discharge appointment for the evening. Upon discharge you will receive all information and instructions necessary to care for your pet at home. If your pet is staying overnight, we will set up a discharge time for the next day.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your furriest family members. We are honored to be trusted with your pet's health care, and we will do all that we can to ensure your pet's safety while in our care. We look forward to serving you and your pet for years to come.

