



MONTVILLE VETERINARY GROUP

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Pre-Surgical/Anesthesia Information

Please read the following to help prepare for your pet's anesthetic procedure.

- No food after midnight (bedtime) the evening before the procedure. No food the morning of the procedure. Water is allowed in reasonable amounts.
- Patients are admitted to the hospital between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. the day of the procedure. Admission with a technician should take approximately 10-15 minutes and includes:
 1. Review of medications given within 24 hours
 2. Discussing any abnormal or new symptoms
 3. Choosing a pre-anesthetic blood test
 4. Signing the consent form for the procedure(s)
- Please provide us with daytime phone numbers where we can reach you in case of an emergency or other reason.
- Your pet's Rabies vaccination must be up-to-date upon admission. If your pet was vaccinated at another hospital/clinic, please bring proof of vaccination with you. All cats must have proof of having tested negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV viruses.
- The technician will advise you of when to call for an update on your pet's condition and to schedule time of discharge.

Anesthesia/Surgical Information

- Pre-anesthetic bloodwork is optional, but is strongly recommended. Even young healthy animals can have abnormalities detected on bloodwork. Since many of the anesthetic drugs we use are metabolized through the liver and kidneys, it is important to know that these organs are functioning normally.
- A physical exam is performed by one of our veterinarians on every patient prior to anesthesia.
- Prior to anesthesia, every patient will have an intravenous catheter placed in his/her front leg. This is done in order to optimize the safety of every anesthetic procedure. In the event of any complications, the IV catheter allows us to quickly and easily administer fluids and/or appropriate drugs as needed.
- Surgical preparation involves clipping the hair of the surgical site and scrubbing the skin with an antiseptic. Pre-sterilized operating instruments, equipment, and supplies will be used. The surgical personnel scrub and wear appropriate attire (caps, masks, gloves and gowns) during surgical operations.
- During anesthetic procedures, we monitor heart rate, heart rhythm, respiration, blood pressure, depth of anesthesia, temperature and peripheral oxygen as needed. In some cases, hair may be shaved from monitoring sites to improve the accuracy of the monitors' recordings.

Postsurgical Care and Recovery

Trained staff members carefully monitor the recovery of your pet. A technician will routinely meet with you before you take your pet home to provide you with aftercare instructions and to discuss any medications that may be dispensed.