



# CHECKLIST FOR SURGERY

## Before surgery

- All forms required for surgery must be signed and returned at least 24 hours prior to surgery. (Estimate, Authorization for surgery, credit card authorization/payment, and checklist for surgery)
- **No food** after midnight (Water is OK-in moderation).
- If your pet needs to take medications the morning of surgery, please call Sirius Vet, at least 1 day in advance, to make sure the medication will not counteract with any treatments planned for your pet.
- Bathe or groom your pet prior to surgery, as there is not bathing for 8 weeks, post-surgery.
- We will call to confirm your surgical appointment 24-48 hours prior to the appointment. At this time we will review forms and will collect the deposit for surgery.

## Day of surgery

- Patient **drop-off** will be between 7:00-8:00am. (The surgical order is determined by the doctor, after all patients are checked in.)
- Please call when you arrive.
- Please make a list of all of your pet's current **medications, dosages, and quantities**. Bring 1-2 feedings of your pet's **special diet (no raw food)**, and/or **e-collar(plastic cone)** with you. If you do not bring an e-collar with you, we will make sure your pet goes home with one (cost \$10-30 depending on size and material).
- The low end of the estimate will be collected as a **deposit** the morning of surgery.
- We will **schedule a pick-up** appointment with you.
- You will be asked to mark your pet's limb that is to be operated on, with a marker we will provide to you.
- We perform **surgeries from 9am – 5pm**; you will be contacted as soon as we are finished.
- Patient will be hospitalized overnight for post-operative care. \*Time allowing, our nurse will send you a text(mobile numbers only) update between 8pm-10pm.

## Day following surgery

- **Discharge** will typically take 20-30 minutes.
  - ♦ Discharge will consist of **final payment**, scheduling **recheck appointments**, and going over discharge instructions.
  - ♦ We will discuss medications, give you some exercises to do at home, review and answer any additional questions.
- Please park on the Eastside of the building. (by the door framed by two trees.)
- It is not uncommon for your pet to be a little **sleepy** or **wobbly** when they go home.
- There may be a bandage over the **IV catheter** site. This can be removed when you get home.

*(more information on page 2)*

**Evening following surgery**

- Start by **feeding** 1/4 to 1/2 of a normal meal. Many patients do not have a big appetite following surgery. Allow them a few days to regain their normal appetite.
- Feel free to **call** or **text** the clinic with any non-urgent questions. We will try to contact you within 24 hours. Calls received on the weekend will not be answered until Monday afternoon. If you have an **emergency** please do not wait for a call back and head to the closest emergency veterinary clinic.

*I have read and understand the importance of the items on the checklist, and have received a copy to review before surgery: \_\_\_\_\_ (client signature)*