

CHECKLIST FOR SURGERY



Before surgery

- **No food** after midnight (Small amount of water is OK).
- Patient **drop-off** will be between 7:00-8:00am.
- A pick-up/discharge appointment will be scheduled for the next day.
- Bring all your **medications, special diet, and/or e-collar (plastic collar)** with you (we will refill what is needed, if you do not bring an e-collar with your pet or at time of pick-up, we will make sure your pet goes home with one (cost \$10-30 depending on size and material) NO exceptions.
 - ✦ 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.
- You will leave a **deposit** for the low end of the estimate on the morning of surgery. *We do not accept third party billing.*
- We perform surgeries from **9am – 4pm**; you will be contacted as soon as we are finished with your pet's procedure (No News is Good News!).
- Patients will be **hospitalized overnight** for post-operative care, and you will receive a text update between 8pm-10pm.

Day following surgery

- We will perform rounds in the morning, check on all of our patients, and will call you between 8:00-9:30am to give you an **update** and **confirm your pick-up** appointment.
- **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 any x-rays, and answer any additional questions.
- 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.

Evening following surgery

- **Medications** can begin the first evening.
 - ✦ Pick a time that works for you (6p-6a, 7p-7a, etc.).
- 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** the clinic with any questions. Voicemails are automatically emailed to us so we can get your message outside of the clinic. We will try to contact you within two hours. If you have an **emergency** please do not wait for a call back and head to the closest emergency veterinary clinic.