



## Checklist for the Day of Surgery

### Morning

- **No food** after midnight (Water is OK).
- Patient **drop-off** will be between 7:30-8:00am.
- Bring all your **medications** with you (we will refill what is needed).
- You will leave a **deposit** for the low end of the estimate on the *morning* of surgery.
- We perform **surgeries** from 8am - 2pm; you will be contacted as *soon as we are finished* (No News is Good News!).
- Most patients will **go home** between 4-5pm.

### Afternoon

- **Discharge** will typically take 15-30 minutes.
  - We will discuss medications, give you some exercises to do at home, we will show you 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.
  - If needed, there are a few *after-hours clinics*.
- A bandage will be over the **incision**. These typically fall off within the first few days.
- There will be a bandage over the **catheter** site. This can be removed when you get home.

### Evening

- **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 can be *nauseous* the first night after surgery.
- Feel free to **call** the clinic with any questions. *Voicemails* are automatically emailed to us so we can get your message outside the clinic.