



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 no 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.
- **NO personal items** (blankets, clothing, toys, plates, bags, etc.) **will be accepted.**
- Please make a list of all of your pet's current **medications, dosages, and quantities.** You do not need to bring the medications, unless they are used to treat a critical medical condition and are prescribed for our patient.
- Sirius Vet will provide food to your pet. *If your pet has food allergies, please bring 1-2 feedings of your pet's **prescribed diet (no raw food)**. Only prescribed food will be accepted.
- The low end of the estimate will be collected as a **deposit** the day prior to checking your pet in for 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 team will send you a text (mobile numbers only) update during your pet's stay.*

****Hospitalized patients are a priority, if you do not receive a text update, that means that our team is busy caring for patients and that your pet is stable.**

Client initials: _____ (more information on page 2)

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.
- 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

- 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 24-48 hours.

*Calls received after-hours will not be answered until the next business day.

Sirius Vet is CLOSED on the weekends. If you have a serious concern for your pet or an **emergency** please contact your family veterinarian or 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)*

Date: _____ / _____ / _____