

Pitts Veterinary Hospital, P.C.

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Surgical Information Form

Please carefully read this information regarding your pet's upcoming surgery. Feel free to call if you should have any questions.

1. Pets being admitted for surgery are not to be fed after 6pm the night before surgery. Water is allowed right up to the time of the procedure. Ferrets and other small mammals are to have food taken away only 4 hours prior to admission.
2. All pets being admitted into the hospital must have a physical exam prior to surgery. This may be done up to one month prior to the day of surgery. Another brief physical exam of your pet will also be performed by a doctor within 24 hours of surgery.
3. An appointment must be made to check in your animal with a doctor. Pets will be scheduled a time to check in between 7am-9am the morning of surgery or they can be checked in the night before (except Sunday) at no additional charge. At this time any final questions or concerns will be answered. The doctor will also have you sign a surgical consent form. This form gives us permission to perform the surgery and/or any other treatments scheduled during hospitalization. An available phone number is required so that we can contact you should an emergency arise. This form also acts as a financial agreement stating that payment in full is due at the time of discharge. We accept cash, checks, debit and credit cards (Visa, MC, Discover, and AmEx), and Care Credit. If financing is needed, it must be arranged through an outside agency before release of the animal.
4. Both staff and doctor will check your animal routinely during the hospital stay. You are welcome to call after 4pm the day of surgery to check on the condition of your pet. A discharge appointment must be made to pick up your animal. You will meet with the doctor to go over any medical information and to receive post-surgical home care instructions.
5. All vaccinations must be current. This includes Distemper/Parvo and Rabies for dogs, and Distemper/Respiratory and Rabies for cats. Bordetella is recommended but not required. A fecal exam is suggested for the health of your pet as well as other pets admitted to our hospital. All pets found having fleas will be treated at the owner's expense.
6. Mark all lumps to be removed with lipstick, nail polish, marking pen, or shave the area to expose the lump.
7. Please check with the doctor if your pet is on prescription medication or supplements. Do not give oral medication prior to surgery without checking with the doctor first. Please let us know of any medications or supplements that are to be given during the course of hospitalization. Bring all medication to be given to the check in appointment.
8. Cats and kittens which have been declawed will need to have clumping litter removed from the litter pan. Clumping litter should be replaced with a non-clumping litter such as traditional Clay, Pine, or Yesterday's News® made of recycled newspaper that is formed into pellets which feels more like litter to your cat). You will need to do this for 10 days post declaw.

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