

## What to Expect at Check-In for Surgery

Upon check-in the day before your pet's scheduled surgical procedure, you will be given an **estimate** for the procedure. This is an estimated cost for your individual pet's treatment plan.

There will be some options for you beyond the basic elective procedure:

1. **Pre-operative bloodwork**
2. **Pain management**
3. **Fecal flotation**

We highly recommend pre-operative bloodwork before any procedure that requires anesthesia. At times there are risk factors for surgery that we cannot appreciate with a physical exam alone. In addition to a standard blood panel, a simple test is available for heartworm disease and Lyme disease (dogs), and feline leukemia virus/FIV virus (cats). These are common diseases that affect the health of the animal and could change the treatment plan for the pet.

Pain management is highly recommended in order to ease healing and minimize discomfort. The anti-inflammatories that we use help to stop the pain and discourage licking and chewing of the incision line.

Fecal flotation is a way to check your pet's stool sample for internal parasites. We recommend this procedure every 6-12 months.

Every animal will have a **physical exam** prior to anesthesia and surgery. If there are any questions or concerns, we will contact you.

Any procedure that requires anesthesia has risk involved. Our doctors and staff are trained to minimize any risk for anesthesia complications; however, there is always the chance that unforeseen events can occur. In our surgical suites we monitor heart rate, oxygen levels, ECG and body temperature during the procedure. IV fluids may also be given (doctor's discretion).

Post-operatively your pet will be monitored by staff and doctors while recovering from anesthesia. Your pet will be released from the hospital once it is no longer critical and is ready to go home to rest.

Other procedures that can be performed for you during your pet's stay:

1. Microchip ID
2. Nail trim
3. Rabies
4. Examine ears
5. Ear cleaning
6. Anal sac expression
7. Vaccinations
8. Extract baby teeth
9. Flea treatment
10. Examine skin
11. Deworm (internal parasites)

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Any patient that has fleas on arrival to the clinic will be treated by our staff.

Please check the website for the **Surgical/Anesthesia Release Form**, this is the form that you will be asked to read and sign when you arrive with your pet for surgery. This can be printed off and completed prior to coming in, or we can assist you with the form at check-in.

Check the website for details about the different elective surgeries that we perform here at the clinic.

We want to make any surgical procedure as easy on you and your pet as possible. Please let us know of any questions or concerns that you might have.