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Anesthesia Instructions

How should I best prepare my pet for general anesthesia?

Please offer no food after midnight the night before and no water the morning of the procedure. **DROP OFF TIME IS BETWEEN 7:45-8 AM.** The pet's normal routine can generally be maintained, however, stressful activities should be avoided. There may be additional instructions specific to each patient depending on their overall health and the procedure being performed. Physical examination and bloodwork will be performed prior to anesthesia to help identify any underlying conditions. If any health concerns are identified beforehand, we will contact you to discuss any potential changes that may be necessary.

What is general anesthesia and why is it necessary for my pet?

General anesthesia can be thought of as producing a deep and very relaxed sleep. This provides your pet a much safer and more comfortable experience.

How safe are general anesthetics?

The safety of anesthesia is constantly improving thanks to continual advancements in medical knowledge, specialized equipment, and safer anesthetics. To best prepare your pet for anesthesia, your pet's medical history, health status, and current medications will be reviewed. This helps determine which pre-anesthetic medications are necessary for your pet's safety and comfort prior to the procedure. During anesthesia, your pet's vital signs will be carefully monitored to ensure maximum safety and comfort.

How long will it take for my pet to recover?

Recovery time is variable for each patient. Factors such as the type of procedure, how long they're under anesthesia, as well as which medications are used all affect how quickly they wake up. Most often pets will still be sleepy or sedated for the majority of the day following their surgery. Be sure to protect them from any potential hazards at home such as steps, furniture, and slick floors after they arrive home. Please don't hesitate to call (317-842-4618) with any additional questions or concerns should they arise.