



Animal Medical Clinic, P.C.
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M-F 7:30-6:00
After Hours Emergencies:
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Pre-Operative Instructions

1. Make sure your pet is clean and free of fleas. Bathe them if necessary.
2. **NO FOOD AFTER 10 P.M. THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY, however water is okay.** This is very important. If your pet vomits during surgery, he/she could suffocate.
3. Bring your pet to the clinic between 7:30 and 8:30 the day of surgery. **REMEMBER, NO BREAKFAST.**
4. Your pet will likely have surgery before 1:00. Feel free to call and check on him/her after 2:00 or if you would like us to call you after he/she is awake after surgery please tell us at the time you drop them off.

Post-Operative Instructions

1. All routine spays and neuters should be able to go home between 4:00 and 6:00 the day of surgery. Cats who have been declawed will need to spend at least one night. This is done in the best interest of the cat so that bleeding and discomfort will be minimized. If your pet is having a dental procedure they may also go home the day of the procedure. If your pet is having a non-routine surgery the doctor will tell you whether or not the pet needs to spend the night. Be sure to call before you come to pick up your pet to make sure that he/she is awake enough to go home.
2. Your pet may have water in small amounts after 6:00 p.m. the day of surgery. Food can be given in small amounts after 9 p.m. If your pet vomits from the anesthetic, do not give any more food or water until the next morning. You can give food and water in normal amounts the day after surgery.
3. Sutures need to be removed in 10-14 days after surgery. If your pet pulls out any sutures, call the clinic immediately. Swelling around the incision site is normal for a few days. If swelling occurs for more than a few days or appears unusually large, please contact us.
4. Please call the clinic for an appointment for suture removal. The actual removal of sutures only takes about 5 minutes.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to call the clinic. Thank you for placing your trust in us and we are always here to serve you.