

Patient Pre-Surgical Instructions

Your pet _____ is scheduled for ophthalmic surgery at the Animal Eye Clinic on _____.

Modern veterinary surgery is safer than in the past and every precaution will be taken before, during and after surgery to insure your pet's well being. Even though Animal Eye Clinic utilizes the safest and most modern drugs, there is always a risk with general anesthesia. There are few simple procedures you can follow prior to surgery to minimize complications and prevent unnecessary risk. Please follow these instructions carefully.

1. Be sure your pet continues any prescribed medicines prior to surgery, unless instructed otherwise. Please bring prescription medications with you OR a list of all medications your pet is currently taking.
2. Anesthetics should be given on an empty stomach. **DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET ANY FOOD AFTER 8:00PM THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY!!** Water is ok but remove water in the morning.
3. Exercise your pet prior to admittance to insure they urinate and defecate if needed.
4. Surgical stress may decrease your pet's resistance to infectious diseases therefore all immunizations must be current at the time of surgery. If you are in doubt as to the status of your pet's immunizations, please verify with your regular veterinarian.
5. Recommended laboratory procedures should be done prior to surgery to rule out any pre-existing health problems that may complicate anesthesia or make the surgery more risky.
6. **IF YOUR PET IS DIABETIC**, do not give food or insulin the morning of surgery, unless directed otherwise. Please make sure you bring your pet's insulin and 2-3 syringes with you the day of surgery.
7. **IF YOUR PET HAS EPILEPSY OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS**, make sure you have discussed this with your ophthalmologist.
8. Make sure you give your pet a bath prior to surgery. It may be some time before you can bathe your pet following surgery. This will also help keep down any infection.
9. **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** _____
10. A body harness is recommended for leash walking following most eye procedures. Please bring a body harness with you when dropping off your pet.

Drop your pet off between _____ am and _____ am the day of scheduled surgery at the following location:

___ Southside ___ Orange Park ___ Tallahassee ___ Pensacola

We will call you when your pet is recovering following his/her procedure to schedule a definitive pick up time.