



SURGERY INFORMATION

Dear Client:

In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together these instructions to make surgery day as easy and stress free as possible. Please carefully go over all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to let us know or call the hospital at (305) 665-2820. Upon arrival on your pet's surgery day, you will be required to review and sign an Authorization/Estimate Form, which will allow us to perform the surgery procedure on your pet.

The night before your pet's surgery, it is very important that you withhold all food and water from your pet at midnight the night before. If your pet ate any food or if you think he did, please inform our technicians. If you are currently administering any medication, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.

The morning of surgery, the pet should be dropped off between 7:30 – 8:00 am unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At the time of drop off, our team members will be happy to answer any remaining questions or concerns and then will collect the enclosed Authorization Form that you have completed.

A veterinary nurse will then escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for the surgery. The veterinary nurse in charge of your pet will be _____. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination and pre-anesthetic blood profile on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize their safety. The surgeon may be alerted to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. The nurse will collect the blood sample and have the test performed prior to the start of the surgery.

Surgeries are performed during morning or afternoon depending on the surgeon's schedule. After the surgical procedure is performed the doctor/technician will call you to give an update on the status of the your pet and their recovery from anesthesia. If you have any questions regarding the surgery procedure, please feel free to ask at any time. All of our surgery procedures require the patient to stay with us for at least one night to monitor the health and recovery of your pet. You are welcomed to check on your pet's status at any given time.

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthesia and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. At Miami Veterinary Specialists, we strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems.

The day after surgery we perform a physical examination and verify the recovery of your pet. Expect a call from our staff between 8:30 – 9:30 am to give you an update and if he/she is ready to go home, along with an estimated time of discharge.

We hope surgery day will be a pleasant experience. Please remember that the Miami Veterinary Specialists team knows surgery can be an anxious time for the owners and we are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

Client Signature