

RATHBURN ANIMAL CLINIC
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Pre Surgical Examination

Your pet will receive a full physical examination before each and every surgery.

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Test

Many conditions such disorders of liver, kidneys, heart and blood cannot be detected on physical examination alone. The blood work will help us determine your pet's organ health More detailed diagnostic tests will be recommended to allow our doctors to identify underlying health issues and choose the appropriate anesthetic protocol.

Surgical Intravenous Fluids

Intravenous fluid is recommended when your pet is under general anesthetic to ensure proper hydration. The intravenous access will also facilitate the administration of emergency drugs, in case needed.

Anesthetic Monitoring

We use special equipment called a pulse oximeter to measure the oxygen saturation and heart rate. Also, the respiratory rate, colour of the gums, depth of anesthesia, and body temperature will be monitored by a veterinary technician.

Surgery Room Cleanliness

We abide by firm standards and protocols to ensure sterilization of the surgery equipment, packs, gowns and gloves. A special heating pad is used throughout the surgery to maintain the core body temperature while under anesthetic.

Pain Control

Pain control injection is given post surgery to minimize discomfort, hasten the recovery time and return of appetite, and to shorten healing time of the wound. Additional pain medication will be dispensed as needed.

Post-surgery Instructions

Your pet will be recovered and observed during the day for any possible complications. Your pet will be provided with warm blankets, and then food and water will be given at a reasonable time.

Discharge

A discharge summary of the procedure done and instructions will be given. We usually advise a Buster collar to be worn to prevent your pet from licking the incision site. We would like to see your pet within 7 to 10 days of the procedure.

We hope that we have been informative and have alleviated your concerns about your pet's procedure. If you have any more questions, feel free to contact us.