



## What Happens to My Pet on Surgery Day?

Upon arriving to the clinic, your pet will be checked in at the front desk and then taken into an exam. Once your surgical information has been verified by one of our wonderful assistants, your pet will be taken into our surgical area and placed into a kennel that has been prepared with blankets. If pre-anesthetic bloodwork has been chosen, the surgery technician will collect the samples and have them run in our in-house lab. The results will be interpreted by the surgical doctor prior to your pet being given any medications.

Your pet will be given two small injections. The first medication is sedation. The second injection is a pain medication. After 15-20 minutes, your pet will be sedated enough to place an IV catheter and receive the injectable anesthetic and your pet will quickly relax into sleep. An endotracheal (ET) tube is placed into the trachea and connected to a mixture of Oxygen and inhalant anesthetic, which they will receive until the surgery is complete. The surgical area is clipped and scrubbed, and then they are moved into the surgery room. Your pet's vital signs will be continuously monitored by the surgical technician throughout the entire procedure.

Following surgery, your pet will be recovered on a bed of warm blankets and warming bags. Once your pet is able to swallow on their own, the endotracheal tube will be removed and they will be moved into a recovery kennel. A few hours later, once your pet can sit up on their own and is fully responsive, we will offer them a small meal and a dish of water. Your pet will continue to be monitored post-operatively until you arrive to pick them up later that evening.