

Ruckersville Animal Hospital

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Surgery Letter

Thank you for scheduling your pet for a surgical procedure in our hospital.

While we will be calling you the day before to remind you of your appointment, we would like to let you know ahead of time what preparations are needed and what you and your pet may expect the on the day of his/her procedure.

It is extremely important that your pet arrives for the procedure with an empty stomach. The reason for fasting is to prevent vomiting when placed under anesthesia. This would cause serious complications. To prevent this possibility, we ask that you take up all food by 8:00 PM the night before your pet is scheduled to have surgery. You must also prevent access to any other pet's food! Water may be left available overnight.

When you arrive at R.A.H. between 7:00 and 8:00 AM on the day of the scheduled procedure, our licensed veterinary technician will admit your pet and will go over the procedure; including any pre-anesthetic testing recommended. Please feel free to ask any questions or to mention any concerns you may have regarding the upcoming procedure. The technician will also present you with an estimate of the expected costs. At that time, you will be asked to leave a 50% deposit (based on the estimate provided). If your pet is expected to go home the same day, the technician will discuss a discharge time with you. Be sure to leave an accurate phone number where you may be reached at any time during the day if we should have any questions or concerns and so that the technician or doctor may reach you to discuss the procedure's outcome and the pickup time.

When you arrive to pick up your pet, the technician will meet with you to go over your pet's condition and what you may expect in the next few hours or days in the way of recovery. The technician will also discuss any medications that you may need to administer. The technician will then present you with the final invoice for payment in full; after which your pet will be released for a happy reunion with you!

If you have any questions concerning your scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to give us a call in advance. Thank you again for choosing Ruckersville Animal Hospital for your pet's care!

Sincerely,

Richard L. Godine, D.V.M.