



CONSULTATIONS

If you are interested in scheduling a consultation with one of our board-certified surgeons, please call us so we can obtain a referral from your primary care veterinarian.

Once we receive a referral from your veterinarian we will connect with you to schedule a convenient time for your surgical consultation.

Consultations typically take about 1 hour.

Visit our website for more information, or to fill out our online appointment request form: Avets.com/Surgery




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Notes:

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**PREPARING FOR
MY PET'S SURGERY:
WHAT TO EXPECT**

What can I expect the day of my pet's procedure?

Please arrive by 7:30am the morning of your pet's procedure unless otherwise specified by the surgery team. If your pet is on a prescription diet, please bring enough food to last the expected duration of your pet's stay. We will generally provide your pet with any necessary medications during their stay but will let you know if any specific medications from home should be provided. No other personal items (bedding, toys, etc.) should be left with your pet. The surgery team will contact you when your pet's procedure begins and will call following to discuss the procedure results.

Your appointment:

A physical exam will be performed and the surgeon will discuss your pet's condition and provide treatment options. There will be time to answer all of your questions to make sure you understand and feel comfortable with the recommended plan.

Will my pet require additional tests prior to surgery?

Typically, we request current blood work prior to anesthesia and surgery. Certain patients will require preoperative x-rays, ultrasounds, and specialized blood work.



I'm worried about anesthesia, is it safe?

Anesthesia is extremely safe for most pets. An individualized plan will be made for your pet considering your pet's health needs, and the procedure that will be performed. As with any medical procedure, complications can sometimes occur, but we make every effort to reduce these risks. Careful assessment and planning, along with a trained and experienced team that continuously monitors your pet, are essential to minimizing complications. Our goal is to do everything we can to keep your pet safe and pain-free at all times.

How much will surgery cost? When is payment due? Do you have payment plans?

Surgery is an investment in your pet's health and lifespan. It is typically an unforeseen expense and we understand this and do our absolute best to provide an accurate estimate of treatment costs. There are occasionally unanticipated events that can add cost to your pet's care plan but these will be discussed with you if this occurs. We will collect a deposit prior to surgery based upon the estimate that you are given. You may also select a payment option called CareCredit® and pet insurance is always welcomed.

How long will my pet stay after surgery?

After a major surgery, we need to closely monitor your pet to ensure a safe and comfortable recovery. The length of your pet's expected stay will be explained prior to surgery. As soon as your pet can safely and comfortably return home, they will be discharged.



SUMMARY



Drop Off: When dropping off your pet, please be sure to provide a phone number for the designated contact person while your pet is in our care.



After the procedure: Following the procedure, you will be called with an update on how your pet is doing as well as any known results from the procedure and recommendations for further care.



Overnight/Weekend care: In the evenings and over weekends, our emergency team will take care of your pet. If your pet's condition changes for any reason, the emergency team will contact you immediately.



Discharge day: Please allow at least 30 minutes for the discharge process, which will allow you and your pet's care team to discuss discharge instructions and home care for the coming days. We will answer your questions, review instructions, and provide you with any prescribed medications.