Client Admissions Instructions

University of Minnesota

VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER

Questions or concerns call: 612-626-VETS (8387)

Admissions Instructions for Patients Requiring Anesthesia

EVENING BEFORE PROCEDURE

- Administer any medications as normal, unless your veterinarian has specified other instructions.
- Please bring all medications to be continued in their original labeled containers with a note as to when the last dose was given.
- Please remove food at or before 10:00 pm unless directed otherwise by your veterinarian.
- Free access to water is acceptable.
- If your pet is on a special diet, please bring enough food for several meals. Please note raw diets are not allowed in the VMC. A suitable alternative will be provided for your pet.

PLACE PATIENT LABEL HERE

MORNING BEFORE PROCEDURE

- Please have your pet at the Veterinary Medical Center between 6:00 am and 6:30 am (all internal medicine patients can arrive between 6:30 am 7:00 am) for any procedure requiring anesthesia. The Veterinary Medical Center is open 24 hours a day, so dropping off at an earlier time of the day is acceptable. There is no additional hospitalization cost if you drop off your pet the day before a procedure.
- Please allow for up to <u>30 minutes</u> in the morning to fill out the necessary paperwork with the staff.
- You will be asked to complete an estimate/procedure consent form. This is necessary before we can begin any
 procedure. A 75% deposit of your estimated procedure cost is due at the time of drop off.
- We will not accept any personal belongings at the time of drop off. We are unable to ensure the return of any personal belongings and would like you to take any blanket, collar, and leash with you at the time of drop off.

Having your pet here early gives our staff the flexibility to perform the procedure earlier in the day if the anesthetic schedule allows. Our goal is to provide the highest level of care possible for your pet before, during and after anesthesia. To be able to do that, we need time to thoroughly examine your pet prior to anesthesia, including performing any additional tests and correcting abnormalities to minimize anesthetic risk as much as possible. Anesthesia faculty approves all anesthesia protocols and a trained veterinary anesthesia technician is present before, during and after the procedure.

DAY OF PROCEDURE

- While we have a tentative time of the day to perform your pet's procedure, due to emergencies or other changes in the schedule, we may not be able to complete the procedure at the scheduled time.
- If you plan on staying at the hospital during the procedure, we have a private visiting/waiting area for your convenience.
- We will call you after the procedure with updates. Please note this call may be later in the evening.
- To help ensure your pet recovers as quietly as possible, visitation on the same day as a procedure is not allowed unless approved by the attending physician.

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