PET OWNER RESOURCE

Preparing for surgery day

Your veterinary team will provide instructions tailored to your pet. Use this overview to organize questions and prepare for a smoother day.

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The day before

- Confirm arrival time, clinic location, and the phone number where you can be reached.
- Review medication instructions with the clinic; do not stop or give medications unless directed.
- Follow the clinic's specific food and water instructions. Requirements vary by patient and procedure.
- Prepare a list of current medications and note any new coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, appetite change, or illness.

What to bring

- Your pet on a secure leash or in a secure carrier.
- Current medications in labeled containers if the clinic requests them.
- Any brace, sling, e-collar, or mobility aid already being used.
- Your questions about the procedure, home care, activity, medications, and recheck schedule.

After surgery

- Keep your phone available. The team may need to discuss findings or the recovery plan.
- Review written discharge instructions before leaving and ask for clarification when needed.
- Set up a quiet, confined recovery area with good footing before your pet returns home.

If your pet develops urgent trouble breathing, collapse, uncontrolled bleeding, or severe distress, contact an emergency hospital immediately.