

Whiteway Animal Hospital

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Anesthesia & Pre-Surgery Information (Client Hand Out)

Owner's Name(s): _____ Pet's Name: _____

Your animal is having a procedure done that requires general anesthesia. Anesthesia is used to relax your pet's muscles and ensure that they feel no pain. There are inherent risks any time an animal is anesthetized; because of this, we ask that all pets come in to our office fasted. Whiteway Animal Hospital recommends taking up your pet's food AND water between 6 and 7pm the night before the procedure is done. Your pet should not be allowed access to food and water after that.

Not fasting your pet can lead to some serious consequences such as vomiting while under the anesthesia. This can cause some serious illnesses or cause your pet to aspirate and potentially die. Because of these risks, Whiteway Animal Hospital will NOT anesthetize your pet if he or she has eaten prior to surgery. We will give a mild sedative to your pet before (s)he goes under anesthesia that will make your pet nauseous. If your pet vomits anything other than bile, we will not anesthetize or perform any surgical or dental procedures that day. You will need to pick up your pet and reschedule for another day.

If your pet is over seven years old, we may recommend that you have a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Panel done prior to going under general anesthesia. This panel will check the red and white cell counts, liver and kidney functions, blood sugar and electrolyte levels. A blood panel cannot reveal if a patient will have an adverse reaction to an anesthetic agent, but it will reveal the presence of metabolic disorders that could affect your pet's ability to tolerate anesthesia. If any abnormalities are found, you will receive a phone call so the doctor can discuss the risks and whether to proceed with the anesthetic procedure.

General Anesthetic Procedure Instructions:

- Do not allow your pet to eat food, eat treats, or drink water after 7pm the night before your scheduled procedure. If your pet is on medication, please check with the doctor for advice on how to administer.
- On the morning of your pet's procedure, drop off your pet between 8:30am and 10:30am. Please, allow yourself some time to check in your pet and fill out the required paperwork. We will not start the procedure without all of the paperwork completed.
- The procedure will be done during our break from 11:30am to 2:00pm unless otherwise stated. Please, call the office after 2:30pm to check your pet's status. Your pet may not be ready for pick up if you walk in at that time; this is why we recommend calling ahead.
- You will be handed a post surgery/ post dental instruction sheet at check in. A tech will go over this with you again when you pick up. As the owner, you are responsible for following all of the instructions listed.

If there are any further questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at the number listed above.

