



What to Expect When Dropping Off Your Pet for Surgery

We know leaving your pet with us can feel stressful — you're not alone! This guide explains what your pet's day will look like and how we keep them safe and comfortable.



Morning Drop-Off

1. Please arrive at your scheduled drop-off time
2. A team member will greet you and check your pet in

We'll review:

- Your pet's procedure
- Any medications they're taking and when they received the "chill protocol".
- How and when we'll update you

Most drop-offs take **about 5–10 minutes**



Squeaky says: *Quick hugs are okay — lingering goodbyes can make pets more nervous. We'll take it from here!*



Plan for an All-Day Stay

- For their safety and proper recovery, **your pet will be with us for most (or all) of the day**
- Surgeries are scheduled throughout the day. The order in which surgeries are complete is based on the case and discretion of the **surgery team**. Prep, surgery and recovery are all carefully planned for the day.
- Even short procedures require monitoring and recovery time before heading home
- Regardless of the order in which your pet has surgery, they are still closely monitored throughout the day.

We'll contact you as soon as your pet is awake, comfortable, and ready for discharge

Squeaky says: *Even if the surgery is quick, rest and observation time are super important!*





No Food or Water – And Yes, That’s Safe

- No food after the instructed time (usually midnight)
- Water may also be withheld unless directed otherwise

This is **safe and intentional**.

During surgery, your pet will receive **IV fluids**, which:

- Keep them hydrated
- Support blood pressure
- Help with a smooth anesthesia experience

Skipping breakfast for the day will not harm them – we promise



Squeaky says: *An empty tummy helps prevent nausea and keeps your pet safer under anesthesia.*



Before & During Surgery

An **IV catheter will be placed in one of your pet’s legs**. The hair will be shaved where the catheter is placed.

-This allows us to safely administer fluids, anesthesia, and medications

Your pet will be connected to monitoring equipment that continuously tracks:

- **Heart rate**
- **Breathing**
- **Blood pressure**
- **Oxygen levels**

A **designated surgery nurse will be with your pet the entire time**, closely watching them and adjusting care as needed.

Your pet is never left unattended!

Squeaky says: *If your pet could talk, they’d tell you they’re very well looked after!*



During the Day

- Procedures typically take place late morning through the afternoon
- If anything unexpected arises, **we will contact you immediately** Otherwise, you’ll hear from us once your pet is awake and recovering
- Since your pet is pre medicated with the “happy” drugs we prescribe to give at home before you come in, your pets are less anxious and are truly able to relax while waiting for their surgery.

Squeaky says: *No news is usually good news – but we’ll always call if needed!*



Quick Facts: Anesthesia Safety



Your pet's safety is our top priority.

- Anesthesia is **customized** based on your pet's size, age, and health
- An **IV catheter is always in place** for quick access if needed
- **Advanced monitoring equipment** tracks vital signs at all times
- **IV fluids** help support hydration and blood pressure
- A **dedicated surgery nurse** monitors your pet from start to finish
- Adjustments are made throughout the procedure based on your pet's vitals

Every decision is guided by comfort, safety, and careful observation.



Squeaky says: *This isn't one-size-fits-all care — it's personalized just for your pet.*



Pick-Up Time

- We'll call or text when your pet is ready to go home
- At discharge, we'll review:
 - How the surgery went Home care instructions
 - Follow-up recommendations
 - Medications

Please plan for **20-30 minutes** at pick-up. We do not want to rush your discharge appointment



Squeaky says: *I know you're excited — a few extra minutes ensures a smooth, safe send-off!*



A Few Reassuring Notes

- It's normal if your pet is sleepy or quieter that evening
- A full day here helps ensure a safe recovery
- Our team treats every pet like family

Squeaky says: *Extra cuddles tonight are strongly encouraged.*



Thank You for Trusting Us

Your pet is incredibly important to you — and to us. Thank you for trusting our team with their care