



Birchwood Animal Hospital

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Routine Anesthetic Procedure Details

It is **extremely important** that we have a method of contact for the owner or responsible agent of the hospitalized patient. Please be sure this can be provided and that the designated individual is available at all times.

We have dedicated non-contagious kennel rooms for hospitalized patients. For the protection of all hospitalized pets our patients must have a recent physical examination and vaccinations prior to being admitted for routine procedures.

Please provide a record of all vaccines given previously at other facilities, breeders, shelters, etc.

•Dogs: DA2PP & Rabies | Indoor cats: FVRCP | Outdoor cats: FVRCP, Felv & Rabies.

Food & Water Restriction (Fasting) *DO NOT FAST RABBITS, FERRETS OR RODENTS!

Unless otherwise instructed, owners are advised that pets must be fasted prior to anesthesia.

- ✓ Do not feed meals/snacks after 8:00pm on the evening prior to the procedure date.
- ✓ No water after 6:30 a.m. on the morning of the procedure date.
- ✓ If you wish to provide your pet's regular diet to prevent digestive upset during and after hospitalization, please bring an adequate portion at the time of patient admission (food offered when recovery from anesthetic is complete).

Medications

- ✓ Please give all regular/current medications as directed unless otherwise instructed. A small morsel of food for medication administration is acceptable if necessary during the fasting period.
- ✓ If regular or recently prescribed medication is required during the hospitalization period, please bring these at the time of patient admission.

Admission Time

- ✓ On the day of the scheduled procedure your pet will be admitted to our hospital **between 7:00am and 8:30am** unless instructed otherwise. Please see the **Release of Patient** section regarding hospitalization time requirements.

We will advise you of the following potential options:

- **Pre-Anesthetic Chemistry & CBC** - includes red and white cell counts, platelet numbers (clotting ability), kidney & liver function, blood glucose and protein levels. This provides information about your pet's current health that allows us to adjust anesthetic protocols specific to your pet's status. Normal results are ideal base line values to compare to later if your pet becomes ill in the future.
- **Intravenous Support** - helps maintain blood pressure and internal organ function, promotes a smooth recovery & provides immediate access for administration of emergency medications.

An **ear tattoo** which is registered with the Winnipeg Humane Society will be placed in your pet's right ear at no charge. Additionally, we offer placement of **microchips** as an identification option.

Release of Patient

Patients are released when they are completely recovered and able to physically and cognitively function in a normal manner. Each patient responds differently to the anesthetic process and hospitalization time may vary.

Most pets will be hospitalized until late afternoon or early evening unless a longer period is deemed necessary. Dog spays are typically hospitalized overnight. Please allow adequate time for your pet's procedure and recovery! Your pet's well-being is dependent upon the provision of optimal patient care.

Post-Procedure Home Care

Home care instructions concerning your pet's individual needs will be provided. Some will require an Elizabethan collar to prevent licking or chewing the incision as well as prescription medications including pain relief. The need for follow up visits is determined on a case-by-case basis as it is dependent upon the treatment applied and your pet's response.

