

# Princess Animal Hospital Downtown Animal Hospital

Every Pet. Every Client. Every Family. Every Time.

**Thank you for scheduling your pet's procedure with us. We look forward to seeing you soon!**

While your pet is in our care, we want you to be assured that we will care for them as if they were our own. You can be confident that the monitoring protocols we have in place, ensure your pet's safety throughout the procedure, and that the nursing care we provide them prior to and after their procedure, is second to none!

Please take a moment to review the information in this email in preparation for your pet's procedure, and if you have any questions, we will be most happy to answer them for you during your pet's admissions appointment.

**The night before your pet's procedure:** Unless otherwise instructed, **your pet should not consume any food after 8:00 pm, the evening before the procedure.** Your pet can have small amounts of water up until the time that you leave for the hospital.

## **What to expect the day of your pet's procedure:**

### **Admitting:**

Unless otherwise instructed, we would like for your pet to be here between 8:00am and 8:15am. At admission, we will take 15 minutes to explain the procedure to you, review the Health Care Plan provided and answer any questions you may have. Please remember to bring your contact and emergency information with you for the admission appointment.

### **During the Procedure:**

While the veterinarian is performing the procedure, your pet will have a technician, whose sole responsibility is to monitor your pet's vital signs, including their heart rate, blood pressure and respiration rate. Once the procedure is complete and your pet is completely recovered from anaesthesia and resting comfortably, one of our veterinary health care team members will contact you, to let you know that your pet is well.

### **Discharge:**

When you book your pet's surgery appointment, we will also schedule a discharge appointment. At this appointment, the veterinary team will discuss the procedure and any further veterinary care required, review any medications prescribed and talk about home care for the recovery period.

## **What you should know about anesthesia and surgery:**

While your pet is here for their procedure, you can be assured that our team will utilize all the safety precautions available to us in modern medicine. We participate in more than 100 hours of continuing education seminars throughout North America every year. We are informed of changes to anaesthesia, surgical technique and post-operative care, that will maximize the safety for your pet.

Veterinary surgery is much like human surgery. A veterinarian will examine your pet before their procedure begins. We also highly recommend that your pet's blood be evaluated at the time of surgery. Changes or abnormalities in your pet's blood help us to determine which anesthetic will be the safest for your pet, and allow us to ensure that proper care is given to your pet.

Your pet will have their blood pressure evaluated. Our veterinary technologists will then place a catheter into your pet's vein. The intravenous fluids that flow through the catheter help us to avoid fluctuations in blood pressure during the anesthetic. The catheter also allows us to administer medications into your pet's vein, if they are required. Once the above precautions have been taken, your pet will be given a sedative. The sedative relaxes your pet and increases their safety while under anesthesia. During your pet's anesthetic, a registered veterinary technologist will continually monitor your pet's blood pressure, ECG reading, heart rate, breathing rate and depth of anesthesia.

Our team will ensure that your pet is as pain free as possible both during, and after their procedure. Pain medication will be given to keep your pet comfortable.

If your pet is having dental surgery, freezing will be used to ensure their comfort.

If your cat is being declawed, nerve blocks will also be used. This will ensure your pet is more comfortable after their procedure.



**Please take some time to read the information on the following page, prior to your pet's procedure. We hope that this information helps to answer any questions or concerns that you may have, but if not, do not hesitate to bring your questions or concerns up at the admission appointment and we will be happy to answer them.**

## **Procedure options to consider for your pet's care:**

**Pre-anesthetic blood work:** Even though anesthesia is extremely safe for healthy pets, we still strongly recommend pre-anesthetic testing. If for some reason your pet is not healthy, which can be difficult to determine on physical examination alone, complications can occur both during and after anesthesia. Pre-anesthetic testing can help minimize the risk to pets while under anesthesia.

**Laparoscopy:** Princess Animal Hospital offers Laparoscopy as an option to traditional scalpel surgery, for less pain for your companion. Laparoscopy involves the use of a fibre optic telescope and camera to visualize various areas within our patients. We use laparoscopy to explore and perform surgical procedures and obtain biopsies within the abdominal cavity, as well as the bladder and to examine and obtain biopsies from within the nasal cavity. Abdominal surgery performed using this technology has been proven to be 66% less painful for your companion.

**Post-Surgery Laser Treatments:** We are happy to relieve pet pain and help your companions heal with Laser Therapy. It's drug-free, surgery-free relief for your companion. Laser Therapy has been scientifically proven and successful in treating post-surgical pain and many acute and chronic conditions.

**Microchips:** Microchips are a simple and effective way to make sure that your pet can be easily identified should you become separated. A small microchip, (about the size of a grain of rice) is inserted under the loose skin on the back of your pet's neck. This coded inserted chip remains a permanent means of identification of your pet. This provides your pet with a secure proof of identity- unlike collar tags, which can get lost or be taken off.

Your pet is registered on a national database, and a hand-held scanner at the nearest veterinary clinic, animal rescue or humane society can easily read the chip when your pet is found and you will be reunited.

**Again, thank you for choosing Princess Animal Hospital – we'll see you soon!**

Sincerely,

The Health Care Team at  
Princess Animal Hospital.

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