



Portage Park Animal Hospital

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Surgical Recommendations

Pre-anesthetic Blood Screen:

We recommend pre-anesthetic blood screening to help ensure the safety of your pet during surgery. This includes a chemistry panel and complete blood count to ensure proper function of the internal organs.

Heartworm/FeLV/FIV Testing:

Confirming your pet is negative for heartworm disease is important prior to anesthesia. Pets that have not been previously tested should be checked. Dogs not currently on heartworm preventative need to be tested.

Intravenous Catheter Placement and Fluid Therapy:

Anesthesia decreases blood pressure, thus limiting blood supply to the vital organs. Benefits of intra-operative IV fluids include hydration of a fasted patient, maintenance of blood pressure during anesthesia, elimination of anesthetic, maintenance of normal body temperature and access to the blood stream should a critical situation arise and life saving medications be required.

Pain Management Package:

Every surgical procedure is painful; some more so than others. This package includes a pain injection prior to the procedure and medications to go home. Studies have shown that recovery time is significantly decreased when anti-inflammatories/pain relievers are given before and after surgery. Stress hormones caused by pain hinder healing and recovery so even if your pet doesn't "seem" painful, those harmful stress hormones are still working to slow the healing process.

Laser Surgery:

Instead of a traditional scalpel, a laser beam is used. The laser cauterizes the blood vessels and blunts the nerve endings while making the incision therefore the benefits of using a surgical laser are: **less pain, less swelling, less bleeding.**

Pre-anesthetic EKG (Cardiopet):

The first sign of heart disease/disorder on physical exam is a murmur. Even without an audible murmur, a pet can have heart damage that could increase anesthetic risk. This ECG is performed prior to surgery and read by a certified cardiologist to ensure proper heart function.

Dental Prophylaxis:

Since pets don't brush their teeth daily, tartar buildup and gingivitis is a constant issue. It's not just an issue of clean teeth and breath, but internal organ health. Dental disease can lead to kidney, liver and heart damage in addition to painful teeth and gums. Just like people, it is recommended that pets have a dental prophylaxis at least yearly. So we recommend that any time a pet be anesthetized, a prophylaxis be performed.



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Comfort Care Options

Nail Trim:**\$11**

Some pets don't like to have their paws touched or nails trimmed. A good time to trim their nails is when they are under anesthesia. We can trim your pet's nails shorter and file the edges better when they are sleeping.

Anal Gland Expression:**\$25**

Your pet will be more comfortable if we express their anal glands while they are sleeping. Anal glands are two small glands just inside your pet's anus. The material secreted into these glands is thick and foul-smelling. The sacs can become impacted and uncomfortable if your pet is not expressing them when they defecate. Dogs with impacted anal sacs usually scoot their rear on the ground in an attempt to empty the glands. Cats often lick the fur off just under their tails.

Grooming package:**\$45**

This includes nail trim, anal gland expression, ear clean, brush out and cologne.

Microchip Identification:**\$48 (\$39 Wellness)**

If your pet gets lost or stolen, tags can be removed. A small microchip, the size of a pencil lead, can be injected under the skin of your pet for permanent identification.

Fluoride Treatment:**\$32**

Give your pet's teeth a boost with fluoride; benefits include desensitizing exposed dentin, strengthening tooth enamel, decreasing rate of plaque reattachment and stimulating remineralization of the enamel.