



Pre-Operative Instructions

Thank you for choosing Blue Oasis Pet Hospital for your pet's care. The instructions listed are designed to answer some of the most common questions you may have prior to your pet's procedure. Here at Blue Oasis Pet Hospital, we understand how important it is to provide the highest standard of care. A licensed veterinary technician will be available on the day of the procedure to go over admission paperwork and answer any further questions you may have. If there are any questions you have that are not answered here please do not hesitate to call the office at (615) 975-2583 or email us at petvet@blueoasispethospital.com.

FASTING

Pets undergoing general anesthesia will need to have an empty stomach upon admission. Please fast your pet from 8 PM until drop off between 7:30 and 8 AM. This means your pet should not have a meal to eat after 8 PM, but they can have water all night and in the morning. Water only; no other fluids such as milk. Please pick up any other pet's food in the house that may be accessible.

MEDICATIONS

The one exception to the above rule is oral medication administration. If your pet is on prescribed medication(s), consult with the veterinarian to confirm if any changes are required. Likely, it can be given in a SMALL amount of food or treat. This is also true for anti-anxiety medication. Your pet may have been prescribed an anti-anxiety medication like Trazodone or Gabapentin to help with relaxation on the day of surgery. Your pet's routine will be changed on the day of surgery and this can cause additional stress. Please give prescribed medications as directed, e.g., Trazodone instructions may read "give the night before and again in the morning." Please follow these instructions.

ILLNESS

If your pet has experienced any illness in the week preceding surgery, no matter how minor, please inform the nurse on admission.

ADMISSION

If applicable, please walk your pet prior to admission and allow enough time for pet to urinate and defecate. This will aid in keeping your pet comfortable pre- and post-operatively when they can potentially be too sedate to walk well on their own.

Admission time is between 7:30-8 AM. We ask that you allow 15 minutes for the admission process so that the nurse on duty can complete all necessary paperwork and answer any questions you may have.

DISCHARGE

Pets undergoing routine surgical procedures such as dental cleanings, spay, and neutering go home the same day. In special circumstances, such as emergency surgery, your pet may need to be transferred to a 24-hour facility. On discharge you will be given oral and written discharge instructions. Again, please allow 15 minutes for discharge so we can go over at-home care and any medications we may be sending home.