

Antigo Veterinary Clinic

Pre-Surgical Instructions

Please refer to this handout regarding instructions for your pet prior to the date of your pet's scheduled surgery or dentistry.

- Pre-surgical blood tests are ideally scheduled prior to the day of your pet's surgery. This is so that if there are any abnormalities, the doctor can address them prior to surgery.
- Drop off times are scheduled for anesthetic procedures starting at 8 am. If you are not able to drop off at one of the offered times, please let us know in advance and other accommodations may be made
- Pets should not be dropped off for anesthetic appointments by a minor or anyone other than the owner, in order for consent form signatures to be obtained.
- If you need to have your pet dropped off by anyone else, please arrange to complete the pre-surgical or pre-dental consent forms in advance. These are available on our website and can be emailed or faxed (715-627-2841), or completed at the clinic in advance. We cannot proceed with anesthesia for your pet without a signed consent form.
- Do not feed your pet after 8 pm the night before surgery. Water may be offered both the night before and the morning of anesthesia.
- For some procedures, we recommend (and include) an overnight stay. In general these include spays and neuters, declaw surgery for cats, any major abdominal procedure, and dental procedures for which extractions are performed. Your pet will be fed as soon as they are awake and interested in food, and dogs will be walked out once recovered from anesthesia for potty walks.
- Please have a number at which we can reach you on the day of your pet's procedure. We will call when your pet is recovering from anesthesia and update you on your pet's status. For dental procedures, it is important that we are able to reach you if additional procedures including extractions are needed.