



Surgery Admission Information

Cats and Dogs

Your cat or dog is scheduled to have anesthesia for surgery or a dental procedure at Adana Veterinary Clinic. We ask that you read the following 2 pages that include important safety information for you to prepare your pet for the anesthetic procedure. Page 2 includes important details and options you need to consider ahead. Any questions or options must be decided upon at least 1 week ahead of the procedure to allow for our schedule planning.

To hold a procedure time for your pet a deposit of \$100 (minimum) is required. Once that is paid and the appointment time is confirmed. If you are unable to keep the appointment and need to reschedule, we request a minimum of 7 full business days' notice, or your deposit will be lost.

Food and water: No breakfast is permitted the morning of the surgery, please fast your pet from midnight. Free access to water is permitted until that morning.

Medications: Unless instructed otherwise, please give your pet's regular medication, as well as any prescribed antibiotics, with a very small amount of food the morning of the procedure.

When to bring your pet: We admit each patient at a specific time between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Please be **prompt** and arrive at the time reserved for your pet as we need to stay on time for our planned procedures. If you have signed the Consent Form ahead it will speed up the admission process. Any questions or options must be decided upon at least 2 weeks ahead during a phone conversation with a member of our technical staff.

While your pet is here: After preanesthetic testing and/or exam are complete your pet will be given premedication(s) in preparation for surgery. This may include mild sedative(s) and pain medication(s), tailored to your pet's procedure, age, and breed. Later your pet will be anesthetized using safe anesthetic protocols and various vitals will be monitored throughout the anesthesia, procedure, and recovery. A staff member will call or text you once the patient is in recovery. Please keep in mind that we usually have several surgeries in a morning and your pet may be the first or the last on the schedule that day.

When to call: Most procedures are completed by 1 p.m. If you have not heard from us, feel free to call between 1 and 2 p.m. on 607-844-4042. Most patients can go home the same day (if this is not expected, you will be notified at admission). At the time of admission, the reception staff will set up a 10-minute discharge appointment between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. with you to go over care instructions before we send your pet home.

When your pet goes home: We will provide verbal and written information on how to care for your pet at home at the time of discharge. Our staff will answer any questions you may have – please feel free to ask.

If you have questions after your pet is home, please call our regular number, 607-844-4042.

Information Regarding Anesthesia at Adana

Advances in anesthesia and surgery make most procedures very safe. At Adana we take great pride in our modern, state-of-the-art anesthesia delivery system, monitoring equipment, and caring staff. We will monitor many crucial parameters during anesthesia (Heart rate/pulse, blood pressure, respiration, oxygen content of the blood, and body temperature).

To further assure the safety of your pet under anesthesia most pets will have preanesthetic bloodwork ahead of the procedure and receive IV Fluids. As the risk is lower in young, healthy animals, some of these items are optional for this group of pets if he/she is having an elective, brief procedure lasting less than 1 hour under anesthesia.

If your pet is healthy and younger than 12 months, please read this ahead as you will need to authorize or decline any optional items ahead of your pet's admission:

Preanesthetic testing is mandatory for most procedures, but optional for pets 12 months or younger having elective procedures.

Preanesthetic blood tests that evaluate organ function and blood cells prior to having your pet undergo anesthesia is valuable in pets and should be performed ahead of the procedure day. The results will alert the doctor of possible issues; and they will guide the doctor to choose the safest anesthesia as well as serve as a baseline for that individual pet for future reference.

IV catheter with fluids is mandatory for most procedures. We allow as optional item for spay/neuter procedures for dogs less than 1 year old. We do not offer this for pets having a very brief procedure, such as a feline spay or neuter under anesthesia.

The placement of an IV catheter prior to an anesthetic procedure allows the administration of fluids throughout the procedure, this helps maintain normal blood pressure. The IV gives us immediate access to the bloodstream in case drugs must be given.

For all pets, please consider having them microchipped:

We highly recommend that you consider Microchip placement. It is a great way to help get a lost pet reunited with their owner in case it becomes lost. Ask our staff for more information if you are interested.

Information Prior to Dentals

Your pet is scheduled for a dental cleaning and evaluation. Once the mouth and teeth have been brought to a clean condition, it will be important to follow up with homecare to protect the investment you made in your pet's health. If no homecare is initiated, tartar will build up again very quickly.

We will ask you at the time of admission what may work for you and your pet for home care to help protect your pet's teeth. We recommend the following options:

Brushing the teeth is the absolute best prevention and will need to be done every 1 to 3 days depending on the pet's oral health. We understand that brushing may not be possible or practical for all owners to do.

OraVet Plaque Prevention Gel - prevents plaque build-up by 30-35%

We apply a "primer" layer once the teeth are clean and dry. It requires weekly follow-up at home, you will apply the gel to the outside of all teeth. OraVet reduces polarity the of the tooth surface to reduce plaque accumulation.

Chewing - Specifically formulated, veterinary approved oral chews or treats are highly recommended and very helpful as an easy way to have your pet help with the dental care. We have safe and tasty options!

Anti-tartar food- Prescription Diet t/d – works extremely well in reducing tartar build-up by up to 40% and is highly recommended as the only food after dental cleanings for pets that will and can chew these larger kibbles.