

# Pre-Surgery Instructions



**All pets must be at least two months of age and weight at least two pounds to be eligible for surgery. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier (or trap if feral)!**

**For puppies and kittens under 5 months of age and under 5 pounds:** Do not withhold food or water. You may feed them a small breakfast (about 1 tablespoon) the morning of their surgery.

**For dogs and cats over 6 months and over 6 pounds:** pick up food at 10pm the night before their surgery. Water is okay to give! If your pet is not fasted, they may be denied surgery or be required to receive an antiemetic to prevent vomiting and aspiration.

**Your pet will be ready to be picked up starting at 4:30 pm** the same day as surgery. We will give you a brief overview of post-surgery instructions, and send a written version home with you.

**Your pet will be given pain medication before and after surgery that will last up to 24 hours after surgery.** If you feel your pet is painful after 24 hours, please call us for a courtesy recheck! We can dispense additional pain medications if needed.

**DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET TYLENOL OR IBUPROFEN!!  
THESE MEDICATIONS ARE DEADLY TO PETS!**

Your pet's health and safety is our biggest concern. If our veterinarians and staff refuse to perform surgery on your pet, it is because your pet has a health or safety concern that is too high risk for surgery. We may also refuse to perform surgery on highly aggressive animals if we feel that they are a danger for our staff. This does not include feral cats in approved traps. Please try to understand that our main concern is **ALWAYS** your pet's health and safety.