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PREOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Your pet has a procedure scheduled for _____

Please bring your pet to the hospital at _____ (or call us the day before to ask about drop-off time). Please note that, because the duration of each procedure is somewhat unpredictable, we cannot assign specific surgery times for each patient. Your pet's anesthesia may not occur until later in the day.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS: In order to ensure the safest experience for your pet, please adhere to the following instructions in preparation for your pet's upcoming procedure under anesthesia:

- ✓ **Do not feed your pet *after midnight* the night before the procedure.**
- ✓ Unless otherwise directed, please give your pet all scheduled prescription medications the morning of the procedure. If your pet receives amlodipine, benazepril, enalapril, furosemide or sildenafil, do not administer these the night before or the morning of the procedure.
- ✓ If your pet is prescribed anti-anxiety medications for the procedure visit (gabapentin and/or trazodone), give the medication(s) at bedtime the night before and 1-2 hours prior to getting in the car on procedure day. (It is ok to use a Pill Pocket or a smidge of something tasty.)
- ✓ Fish oil supplements should be discontinued 2 weeks before surgery.
- ✓ All dogs should be on a leash and cats in a carrier. Please walk dogs to allow them to relieve themselves prior to checking in.

Pick up time: We will call you when your pet is waking up from anesthesia, to give you an update on your pet's condition and a more specific time for discharge. We monitor patients for 1-3 hours after anesthesia to ensure that they can safely go home. You will receive written instructions for after care. All pets must be picked up before 5pm, when our clinic closes.

Appointment Cancellation Policy:

We appreciate your understanding that, because there are many pets waiting for our care, we require 7 days' notice for cancellation or rescheduling of procedure appointments. This allows us time to call clients on our waiting list, so that we may serve another pet sooner. The deposit collected today (\$500-1500) will be forfeited if a procedure is canceled or rescheduled with less than 7 days' notice. (This includes cancellations due to accidental feeding of a patient on the morning of the procedure!)

I understand the above instructions & cancellation policy. _____

We understand that it can be stressful to leave your pet for the day, and we make every effort to make your pet's stay with us a positive experience. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you and your pet soon!

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