

Pet Name: _____

Appointment: Date ____/____/____

HENDERSON COUNTY VETERINARY HOSPITAL PRE SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

CANCELLATIONS

We appreciate as much notice as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment as we often have a waiting list of animals in need of our services. We have reserved a surgical slot for you. If you are not able to keep your appointment, please let us know ASAP.

VACCINATIONS

For your pet's protection we require dogs to have their DAPP (parvo-distemper) and Rabies vaccine and cats to have their Fvrpcf (feline distemper-RCP) and Rabies vaccine prior to appointment. The vaccine takes two weeks to take effect so schedule your surgery at least two weeks after the vaccination.

NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY

- 1) If the animal normally stays outdoors overnight, he/she must stay indoors the evening before surgery.
- 2) Animals over six months old MUST have food withdrawn at 10:00pm the night before surgery. This ensures that the animal's stomach is empty by the time he's put under general anesthesia. This lessens the chances that the animal will vomit and aspirate the vomit into his lungs. If your adult pet has eaten on the morning of surgery, we have the right to refuse surgery.

CHECK-IN TIME

- 1) **We check-in all patients at the same time between 8:00am -9:00am.** A welcome sheet, and a surgical release form, will be presented for owner to fill out and sign.
- 2) We have a very strict surgical schedule that must be followed. It is very important that you arrive on time. If you are late we may need to re-schedule your appointment.
- 3) Plan to be here 10-15 minutes in the morning.
- 4) You will be asked for your applicable vaccination records, if we do not have the records on file.
- 5) When your paperwork is completed you will bring your pet in.
- 6) Pets will stay overnight and should be picked up anytime after 9:00am the day following surgery. (Some surgeries, pets may go home the same day.)
- 7) Pain medication may be administered at a discounted price.
- 8) We recommend that all patients have routine blood work before anesthesia. *We do **REQUIRE** blood work on geriatric patients (7-10 years or older).* Blood work will be completed at a discounted price.
- 9) If dog or cat is pregnant or in heat, there will be an additional cost that must be paid when pet is released.
- 10) If you have a Henderson County Humane Society voucher, it must accompany pet at time of drop off.

Please note that in the rare event of unforeseen circumstances or emergencies at the clinic there may be a longer wait at check-in or your pet's surgery may need to be rescheduled.

PRE-SURGERY EXAM

- 1) Our veterinarian will perform a pre-operative physical examination to make sure that your pet is a good candidate for surgery.
- 2) If your pet is too fractious to handle, a physical exam will be performed under anesthesia.
- 3) Feral cats receive their physical exams under anesthesia.
- 4) If your pet shows signs of illness or if there are any concerns (such as age, a heart murmur, severe upper respiratory infection, obesity, food in stomach) we may refuse surgery if we feel surgery is a health risk.