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PRE-ANESTHESIA INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow these instructions for preparation for anesthesia:

- PLEASE DO NOT FEED YOUR PET AFTER 6pm THE NIGHT BEFORE THE PROCEDURE
- You may leave water available overnight
- If your pet is on medication, please check with the staff regarding the morning dose on the day of the procedure

- Please arrive for admission between 7:15 and 7:45 am. Allow 10-15 minutes for the surgery technician to admit your pet and answer any questions you may have.
- Release times start at 3:00. We will schedule time with the surgery technician to go over at-home care with you.

Pre-anesthetic bloodwork helps evaluate organ function prior to surgery and creates a baseline for your pet's future. Abnormal bloodwork may indicate that we need to use a different anesthetic agent or that further evaluation is warranted prior to an elective procedure. If pre-anesthetic bloodwork has not been completed prior to your visit, we can complete the bloodwork in the clinic on the day of the procedure. Please discuss this with your doctor or the surgery technician if you have further questions.

Fluid therapy is important during anesthesia to help maintain safe blood pressure during your pet's procedure. A catheter will be placed in one of the front legs (most often). This also increases the safety of anesthesia in the unlikely event of an emergency. Your pet will likely have a shaved area where the catheter was placed.

During the procedure, your pet will be closely monitored with a combination ECG, pulse oximeter, blood pressure and respiratory monitors. We also have a surgery assistant or technician with your pet at all times. While we cannot eliminate all risk for anesthetic procedures, these risks are greatly lowered with the combination of monitoring, fluid therapy and pre-anesthetic bloodwork.

The pre-anesthetic bloodwork and fluid therapy will be included in your estimate. Please review the estimate and feel free to ask questions.

The staff of Eagle Creek Animal Clinic would like to thank you for the opportunity to care for your pet.