Animal Eye Consultants of Iowa

Surgery & Preoperative Home Care Instructions

Please read all instructions carefully. Specific instructions may vary depending on your pet's procedure and medical needs. Always follow the instructions provided by our veterinarian and veterinary staff.

BEFORE SURGERY

Surgery Check-In

- Please bring your pet to our Hiawatha hospital, **Animal Eye Consultants of Iowa**, located at Exit 25 off I-380.
- You will receive a phone call from our staff the evening before your pet's procedure. During this call, we will:
    - Provide your pet's specific check-in time.
    - Answer any questions you may have.
    - Review any additional instructions for your pet.
- Check-in will generally be between **8:00 AM and 9:00 AM**.
- **Please follow the check-in time provided by our staff during the confirmation call.**

Grooming & Bathing

- Most surgical procedures require that your pet **not be bathed or groomed for at least 12 weeks after surgery**, or until otherwise directed by our staff.

Diet Before Surgery

- **Do not give your pet any food or water after 5:00 AM on the morning of surgery**, unless otherwise instructed by our veterinarian or veterinary staff.

Diabetic Patients

Give full dose of insulin after a meal on the morning of surgery.

Medications

- **Do not give oral medications on the day of surgery unless specifically instructed by our staff.**
- Eye medications should be administered the morning of surgery unless instructed otherwise.

IMPORTANT — LATANOPROST EYE DROPS ADMINISTRATION

If your pet is having any of the following procedures:

- Glaucoma surgery
- Retinal surgery
- Cataract surgery
- Lens luxation repair surgery

STOP ADMINISTERING LATANOPROST EYE DROPS BY 7:00 PM THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY.

Signs of Illness

Contact our office as soon as possible if your pet develops any signs of illness before the scheduled procedure, including:

- Coughing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of appetite
- Any other unusual or concerning signs

Please inform our staff at check-in if your pet has eaten, vomited, developed diarrhea, coughed, or shown any other signs of illness.

DAY OF SURGERY

Please arrive at your scheduled admission time and allow extra time for paperwork and review of consent forms.

Please Remember:

- **Harness Reminder:** Pets undergoing intraocular surgery are required to wear a harness for leash walking. **Please bring your pet's harness with you.**
- Dogs should arrive on a leash and wearing a secure harness.
- Cats should arrive in a secure carrier.
- Remove clothing, bandanas, and decorative collars before your appointment.
- Personal items such as toys, blankets, and beds should remain at home unless specifically requested by our staff.
- Provide a phone number where you can be reached throughout the day. We may need to contact you regarding your pet's procedure or treatment plan.
- Please notify our staff if someone other than the owner will be picking up your pet.

DISCHARGE & GOING HOME

All patients are discharged the same day.

- Expected discharge is generally between **5:00 PM and 7:30 PM**, unless our staff advises you otherwise.
- You will receive an exact pick-up time during the phone call from our staff after surgery.
- If your pet had intraocular surgery, **please bring their harness when picking them up.**