

Please **arrive between 7:00am-7:30am** for check-in. **Upon arrival, please scan the QR code** to be placed in our queue. You will receive a text notification when we are ready for you to come in with your pet. Our front doors will be locked for the safety of our clients and patients.

The night before the procedure:

- DO NOT give ANY food to your pet after midnight. (This includes treats and milk).
- Water may be left down overnight, but should be removed first thing in the morning.

The morning of the procedure - arrive between 7:00-7:30 am:

- Do not feed ANYTHING the morning of the procedure. This is to reduce the chances of vomiting during or after their procedure.
- We may need to contact you before or during the procedure if there are abnormal findings. Please leave a contact number where someone can be reached at all times.
- An anesthetic/surgical consent form and an estimate for services will be required at check-in
- Discharge/Pick-up: Payment is due at time of discharge. You will receive a text message after your pet's surgery is completed with a time for pickup. We ask that owners refrain from calling the clinic unless you have not heard from us and it is after 2:00pm.
- The latest possible pick-up time is 4:00pm. A late fee of up to \$50 per hour may be added after 4:00pm unless prior arrangements were made.

Blood tests:

Cats:

- Snap Pro-BNP (\$45): Recommended for all purebred cats
 - An abnormal test indicates a high risk for heart disease; we will recommend delaying elective surgery until evaluated by a cardiologist
- Feline Snap Triple (\$40): Recommended for all cats, especially cats with outdoor access. This test screens for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), feline leukemia virus (FeLV), and heartworm disease.
 - FeLV is one of the most common infectious diseases in cats and is the most common cause of cancer in cats. It can also cause blood disorders, and destroy a cat's immune system.

- FIV is a virus that attacks a cat's immune system and makes them more vulnerable to diseases that normally wouldn't cause any problems.
- Heartworm disease is caused by a parasite spread by mosquitoes. While previously rare in Colorado, it has become much more prominent in recent years.

Dogs:

- Snap 4DX (\$50): Recommended annually for all dogs over 7 months and required for prescription of heartworm prevention.
 - Proof of a negative 4Dx test within 1 year is also accepted
 - Screens for Heartworm disease, as well as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, and Ehrlichiosis which are diseases transmitted by ticks and mosquitoes.

Pre-anesthetic Blood Panel (\$120): Required for dogs over 8 years old and cats over 10 years old

- Must be performed 1-2 weeks prior to appointment
- We will accept blood work results if performed within 6 months of scheduled appointment
- Checks for liver and kidney function, glucose, protein levels, electrolytes, and complete blood count. If abnormalities are found, it may change if your pet is a good surgical candidate
- **You may choose to sign a high risk anesthesia waiver if you elect to proceed with surgery without pre-anesthetic blood work.**

Vaccinations & Preventive Care:

- Rabies (\$20 - \$30): Required by CO law for all dogs and cats
 - This is a one year vaccine unless you provide us with a valid (in-date) rabies certificate in which case, it can be a three year vaccine.
 - Must be at least 16 weeks old
- DA2PP (\$25): Core vaccine for all dogs
 - Distemper/Adenovirus/Parvovirus/Parainfluenza.
 - Puppies under 6 months should receive a minimum of two vaccines after 12 weeks of age.
 - Booster vaccines should be given 3-4 weeks apart
- Lepto (\$30): Core vaccine for all dogs
 - Leptospirosis is a life-threatening bacterial disease that can affect both humans and animals. It's the most common zoonotic infection in the world and is common in Colorado.
 - Requires a 3 week booster vaccine if your dog is naive or out-of-date

- Bordetella (\$30): Recommended for all dogs that go to dog parks, the groomer, or doggy day care
 - Also known as the “Kennel cough” vaccine
- FVRCP (\$25): Core vaccine for all cats
 - Protects against feline viral rhinotracheitis (feline herpes), calicivirus, and feline panleukopenia (feline distemper).
 - Puppies under 6 months should receive a minimum of two vaccines after 12 weeks of age.
 - Booster vaccines should be given 3-4 weeks apart
- FeLV (\$45): First series recommended for all cats. Cats with outdoor access should be boosted annually.
 - Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) is a common virus that is spread cat-to-cat by saliva, feces, urine, and from mother to kitten while nursing.
 - Requires a 3 week booster vaccine if your dog is naive or out-of-date
- Heartworm Prevention (\$ varies by weight): Strongly recommended for all dogs
 - Following a negative heartworm test, we can provide up to 12 months of prevention.
- Flea/Tick Control (\$ varies by weight): Recommended for dogs and cats with outdoor access
 - Prevents diseases spread by fleas and ticks
- Microchipping (\$45): Recommended for all dogs and cats

General Anesthesia & Surgery: Please review consent form prior to appointment

There are risks associated with general anesthesia & surgery, including but not limited to: infection, hemorrhage, allergic reaction, anesthetic drug reaction, anesthesia-induced cardiac compromise, and death. We carefully monitor our patients during their procedure and recovery to minimize these complications.

Post-Operative Expectations:

Following your pet’s procedure they will need to be strictly rested for 14 days and will go home with an E-collar which must be worn 24/7 for the 14 days. We do not recommend pet shirts or inflatable collars as most patients can circumvent these options leading to surgical site complications. They will go home with pain medications and a mild sedative that is included in the cost of the procedure. You will also see a small green tattoo near their incision site - this is an indication that they have been sterilized for future reference to avoid unnecessary surgery should their medical records be unavailable. This tattoo is an RMSN policy and is non-negotiable.

Please contact us with any questions you may have after reading this information packet.