

CHECKLIST FOR SURGERY DAY – Soft Tissue

- MVSS Surgical Consent Form completed, found at MVSS.info
- Record vitals on CONSENT form then,
- Email consent to MVSSforpets@gmail.com
- Confirm pet is fasted
- Bloodwork to be done the morning of surgery
- IV catheter placed
- IV fluids. 5-10 ml/kg/hour during surgery if no underlying disease.
 - If cardiac disease begin at 1-2 ml/kg/hr
- Anesthesia recommendations
 - Premedication-
 - Cerenia 1mg/kg IV slow or SQ **Highly recommend for Brachycephalic patient.*
 - Choose 1 analgesic
 - Hydromorphone 0.1-0.2 mg/kg
 - Morphine 0.25-1.0 mg/kg IM or SQ (canine only)
 - Buprenex 0.02 mg/kg (higher dose for advanced sx)
 - Midazolam or Diazepam 0.1-0.2 mg/kg
 - Other Sedatives IF needed and young/healthy
 - Acepromazine 0.02 mg/kg IV
 - Dexdomitor ¼ IV dose
 - Induction agent: Choose most comfortable protocol
 - Propofol 4-6 mg/kg to effect only
 - Alfaxalone 2mg/kg dog, 5 mg/kg cat to effect only
 - Ketamine/Midazolam or Diazepam
 - Gas anesthesia
- Antibiotics *HOLD* until culture sample obtained in surgery
 - Cefazolin 22 mg/kg IV, then every 90 min while in surgery
Concentrated 100mg/ml for IV dose (9.6ml Sterile Water)
 - OR
 - Ampicillin 22 mg/kg IV, then every 90 min while in surgery

****Please have these items out and readily available before we arrive, this helps us to be most efficient and extend our care to more patients per day****

- **Surgical prep** supplies ready at prep area
 - Items to keep patient warm: Socks for feet, towels, hot water bottles. *Most heat is lost during prep time*
 - Designated surgery clippers or Clean/new blade
 - Exam gloves
 - Chlorhex scrub and alcohol gauze (non-sterile premade is fine)
 - If male canine, dilute chlorhex solution for prepuce flush

- **Operating room** supplies ready in OR

***Please be sure to remove clutter and unneeded equipment from the OR**

- Extra Towels (not sterile) 3-4 for floor and positioning
 - Surgical gloves, size 6.5 & 7; 2 pair each
 - Surgical gown
 - Bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol
 - Chlorhexidine scrub **4%**, we will supply if you do not have
 - Saline bottle preferred (or bag of IV fluids) – NEW/Unopened
 - Please WARM in hot water bath or in microwave
 - Surgical Pack (general or spay is fine)
 - Extra sterile towel clamps 2-4
 - Sterile bowl w/gauze (can be clean dog bowl sterilized)
 - Extra Sterile Gauze and/or Laparotomy sponges if available
 - Suture- (generic okay)
 - PDS on taper needle, sizes vary 0, 2-0, or 3-0
 - Monocryl on reverse cutting needle, 3-0 or 4-0
 - Nylon on reverse cutting needle, 3-0 or 4-0
 - Sterile Stapler
 - Sterile Syringe 12cc; Needles- 21 gauge, 22-20 gauge 1.5in
 - Telfa non-adherent pad
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- **E-collar** (hard and plastic) to go home
 - Must be at least 1” past nose when cone pushed down neck

- **Medications** to go home, confirm with doctor depending on sx
 - Antibiotics- for 2 weeks. Will depend on surgery performed
 - Cephalexin 30 mg/kg BID
 - Clavamox 13.75 mg/kg BID
 - Enrofloxacin 10 mg/kg SID for dogs
 - Enrofloxacin 5 mg/kg for cats or Marbofloxacin
 - NSAIDs for 2 weeks (if appropriate, no steroids or medical conditions)
 - Gabapentin 10 mg/kg every 8-12 hours for 7 days
 - Buprenex SR (oral Buprenex cats)

- **Discharge papers and ICEPACK** for client
 - MVSS to provide via email in addition to YOUR office discharge