

CHECKLIST FOR SURGERY DAY – Soft Tissue

- Weight: _____ Temp: _____ HR: _____ RR: _____
- Record vitals on MVSS consent form
- Email consent form to MVSSforpets@gmail.com
- Confirm pet is fasted
- MVSS Surgical Consent Form signed completely
 - Nocita- (circle one) YES NO
 - Photos- (circle one) YES NO
- Bloodwork to be done the morning of surgery
- IV catheter placed
 - IV fluids- LRS, Normosol, Plasmalyte
- IV fluids. 5-10 ml/kg/hour without underlying disease
 - If cardiac disease begin at 1-2 ml/kg/hr
- Anesthesia recommendations
 - Premedication-
 - Choose 1 analgesic
 - Hydromorphone 0.1-0.2 mg/kg
 - Morphine
 - Buprenex 0.02 mg/kg
 - Midazolam or Diazepam
 - Other Sedatives if young and healthy
 - Acepromazine 0.02 mg/kg IV
 - Dexdomitor ¼ IV dose
 - Induction agent
 - Propofol 4-6 mg/kg to effect only
 - Gas anesthesia
- Scrub Supplies ready
 - Sterile gloves, size 6.5 – 2 pairs
 - Exam gloves
 - +/- IV pole to hang the leg
 - Bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol
 - Chlorhexidine scrub solution 4%
 - Saline irrigation solution- bottle preferred especially for abdominal surgery (or bag of IV fluids & 60 mL syringe)
 - Please warm in hot water bath

- Surgical supplies
 - Pack
 - Towel clamps
 - Drapes
 - Sterile bowl with Sterile gauze
 - Laparotomy sponges
 - Suture- (generic okay)
 - If pet is less than 20 lbs
 - 3-0 PDS- taper needle (possibly 2-0 PDS taper also)
 - 3-0 or 4-0 Monocryl- cutting needle
 - If pet is 20-40 lbs
 - 2-0 PDS- taper needle
 - +/- 3-0 PDS taper needle
 - 3-0 PDS or 3-0 Monocryl- cutting needle
 - If pet is greater than 40 lbs
 - 0 PDS- taper needle
 - +/- 3-0 PDS taper needle
 - 3-0 PDS or 3-0 Monocryl- cutting needle
 - Needles and syringes- 18 gauge, 22-20 gauge 1.5"
 - 2 Towels (not sterile) for floor and positioning
- Antibiotics
 - HOLD antibiotics until culture sample obtained in surgery
 - Cefazolin (22 mg/kg) given IV, then every 90 minutes OR
 - Ampicillin (22 mg/kg) given IV, then every 90 minutes
- E-collar (hard plastic) to go home
 - Must be at least 1" past nose when cone pushed down neck
- Medications to go home- confirm with your doctor depending on sx
 - Antibiotics- Will depend on surgery performed
 - Cephalexin 30 mg/kg BID for 2 weeks
 - 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
 - Tramadol 5-10 mg/kg every 8-12 hours for 5-7 days
 - +/- Fentanyl patch or Buprenex SR (oral Buprenex cats)