

PRE SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Before your pet has surgery, please follow these instructions carefully:

1. Your pet should not have ANY food or treats after midnight on the night before surgery. However, pets should always have access to water. Water is absorbed from the GI tract very quickly and we do not worry about it “lying” in the stomach.
2. Please be on time for check-in. Check in will be 8:00 to 9:00 am. All dogs must be on a leash, or in a carrier and all cats must be in a carrier. Feral cats must be contained in a trap or a secure carrier. A feral cat is one that you cannot hold comfortably in your lap at home.
3. Payment is due at pick-up. NO CHARGING! We accept cash, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover & Care Credit.
- 4. If your pet is current on vaccines, you MUST bring written proof from your veterinarian’s office or have them faxed to us at 712-213-3030 with the name of the owner or person that we have on file as the appointment maker, clearly stated. Otherwise, we are required by law to re-vaccinate. A Rabies tag is not adequate proof of a rabies vaccine – you must bring the certificate of vaccination.**
5. Pick-up time for same day surgeries will generally be between 3:30 and 5 pm. Spays & declaws require overnight stay and can generally be picked up between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm the next day.
6. If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please give us 3 business days notice. This will allow us to give your slot to another pet on the surgery list.
7. You will be given written instructions on how to care for your pet in the days following surgery. If possible, our staff will go over this with you verbally at the time of discharge. For all general questions, please call our office 712-732-2033 during normal business hours. YOU CAN ALSO GO ON OUR WEBSITE www.mylakeanimalhospital.com where you can re-read and/or print off the instructions.
8. If you are picking up a dog, be prepared to have your dog ride home in the car or cab of the truck with you. All animals will still be under the effects of anesthesia. We will not permit any dog to ride in the bed of a pick-up truck, or in a dog box or crate in the back. It is too scary for them at this time, and often, the temperatures are not appropriate. This same rule will apply to cats in carriers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!