

PRE ADMITTING CARE

Patient: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Please read and follow the steps outlined below to prepare your pet for surgery or diagnostic testing.

- ◆ Do not feed your pet 12 hours prior to surgery or blood testing.
- ◆ Water prior to surgery or blood work is usually okay.
- ◆ Drop off your pet between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m., or as early as 7:00 a.m. if you do not need to see a veterinarian.
- ◆ Please give your pet ample time to eliminate before coming to the clinic unless a urine specimen is required.
- ◆ You may call after 2:00 p.m. to obtain your pet's condition and a tentative release time.

Some special instructions:

- ◆ Diabetic pets should be fed and given insulin at their regular times. In some cases you may be instructed to give only $\frac{1}{2}$ of your pet's regular dose. Always remind us that your pet is diabetic and ask about whether or not the morning insulin dosage should be modified.
- ◆ Pets on antibiotics, thyroid, seizure, or heart medications should be given their medication as prescribed the morning of admission. If the pet will be staying at the hospital over night, please bring its medication when it is admitted to the hospital.
- ◆ If your pet is on medications other than those listed above, please consult your veterinarian for further instructions.
- ◆ We recommend that all pets 10 years of age or older have some preanesthetic laboratory work. Some large breeds should have this work performed at an earlier age. We have additional laboratory, electrocardiography (EKG), and radiology services, available to further evaluate the current health status of your pet. Special anesthetic techniques are also available when deemed necessary. Your veterinarian may discuss additional preanesthetic screening procedures when appropriate. If you have any questions or concerns, please let your veterinarian know.