



Preparing Your Pet For A Safe Surgery

Before surgery, proper preparation reduces stress and helps prevent complications. Here is a general pre-surgery checklist to help you plan.

Pre-Surgery Checklist:

- ✓ **Most surgeries require fasting.**
 - Typically, no food after midnight. Some pets may still have access to water. **Always** confirm with your vet.
- ✓ **Ensure your veterinarian is aware of any medications.**
 - Inform your veterinarian about all current meds and supplements. You may be told to pause some temporarily.
- ✓ **Be prepared for pre-surgical testing.**
 - Blood work, x-rays, or other diagnostics are often done to assess anesthesia safety and better clarify the procedural requirements.
- ✓ **When you arrive at the clinic.**
 - Expect to drop off your pet in the morning. Bring any medication, paperwork, or recent test results. Ask any final questions you may have if you don't understand something or need clarification.
- ✓ **Keep your pet calm.**
 - Maintain normal routines the night before. If your pet is anxious, ask if a calming medication is appropriate.

Be sure to voice any concerns in advance—your veterinary team is here to help your pet and to reassure you.