

## ***Surgery Options:***

**Check-In:** Please have your pet here on the day of surgery between 7:30 and 9:00am. Remember to remove all food after 10:00pm, but your pet can still have water.

**Dismissal:** We will call you after surgery and let you know when your pet can go home. Usually we perform routine surgeries in the morning, and the pet can go home that afternoon. If you have an outside pet, we like to keep him/her here overnight at no extra charge.

**Vaccinations:** For the protection of all our patients, all pets must be up to date on vaccinations prior to surgery. Vaccinations will be given on the day of surgery if needed. If vaccinations have been done at another veterinary clinic, you will need to provide proof of vaccination.

**Laser Surgery:** We are proud to offer laser surgery as an option for our clients who want the safest and least painful surgeries for their pets. Laser surgery seals nerve endings to decrease pain and seals small blood vessels to decrease bleeding and post-surgical swelling.

**Pain Relief:** All pets undergoing surgery are given an injection of pain-relieving medicine that lasts around 24 hours. Pain pills or patches are usually dispensed to give at home according to the type of surgery.

### ***Microchip: Why should I microchip my pet?***

Each year millions of lost and abandoned pets are taken by animal welfare organizations across our nation. Of these, only 14% of dogs and 4% of cats are ever reclaimed by their owners. The major reason this occurs is that the pets are unidentifiable. Microchipping offers pet owners the only permanent method of identifying their pets. We scan lost pets brought to us for microchips, as do all the humane societies. If your pet has a microchip, he/she can be traced back to you and returned to you. Identification on collars is a good idea, but collars and tags come off. Microchips stay on. A microchip is the size of a grain of rice and is implanted under the skin between the shoulders during anesthesia, so he/she doesn't even feel it. Microchips can be given to patients that are awake. They are no more painful than vaccinations.