

Hillside Animal Hospital



AT HILLSIDE ANIMAL HOSPITAL, SAFETY IS EVERYTHING

Your surgeon will be: _____ Your technician today is: _____

1. A pre-operative blood chemistry panel is performed to assure that there are adequate blood sugar and protein levels for post surgical recovery and healing. It also checks kidney and liver function to ensure these organs are functioning normally to safely metabolize anesthetics.
2. A pre-operative CBC (complete blood count) is performed on every patient. The red blood cell count assures that there are an adequate number of red cells to carry oxygen. The white blood cell count and differential assures that there are no signs of infection or inflammation.
3. All cats receive a pre-operative EKG (electrocardiogram) to aid in preventing and reducing the risk of anesthesia for cats with underlying heart disease.
4. An IV catheter is placed in every patient that is going to be anesthetized to allow for rapid administration of fluids and medication. A small area is shaved to ensure proper visibility of the catheter placement. IV fluids are administered during and after the procedure to aid in maintaining blood pressure and fluid volume.
5. Pre-operative pain medications are administered to reduce the depth of anesthesia required for many procedures and to make recovery more comfortable.
6. All patients have an endotracheal tube placed to aid in air exchange and the inhalation of gas anesthesia. Occasionally there is some tracheal irritation with the tube placement. If you notice excessive coughing at home please let us know.
7. Gas anesthesia is used for the rapid control of the patient's anesthetic depth and for rapid post surgical recovery.
8. A Certified Veterinary Technician monitors every patient from the time it is anesthetized until they are fully recovered. During post surgical recovery, the patient's body temperature, heart rate, and respiratory rate are monitored very closely. We use warm IV fluids and a warm water pad to aid in rapid recovery.
9. Post operative pain management is provided and tailored to each patient's needs. Pain medication will be sent home in most cases to help them feel better and recover more quickly.
10. Please do not feed your pet after 10:00pm the night before the scheduled surgery, water is okay.

At the time of your discharge appointment after surgery, your technician will go over post-operative instructions. Should any questions arise after you leave, our doctors and staff are available to answer any questions you may have simply by calling us at 608-788-3425.