

HEARTLAND PRE-SURGICAL CHECKLIST



Preventative Care Requirements

- Ensure your pet is up to date on vaccinations, including a current rabies vaccine
- Dogs must have negative heartworm test prior to surgery

Pre-visit Medications

Medications are selected on a patient-to-patient basis; your pet may be receiving some or all of the following medications:

- Gabapentin - acts as a mild sedative and pain reliever to help quiet your pet, allowing us to use less injectable sedation during their procedure
- Trazodone - acts as a mild sedative to help quiet your pet, allowing us to use less injectable sedation during their procedure

Day-of Surgery Checklist

Food:

- Remove all food and treats after 10 PM the night before surgery
- Do not feed breakfast the morning of surgery
- Avoid unsupervised outdoor access before drop-off to prevent accidental eating

Water:

- Allow access to water until the morning of surgery
- Remove water in the morning before drop-off

Medications:

- Consult with your veterinarian about administering regular medications
- Give seizure medications as usual unless otherwise instructed
- For diabetic pets, consult with your veterinarian for specific insulin administration instructions

Drop-Off Time:

- Arrive at Building 3 (Surgical Center) at 8:00 AM, unless otherwise instructed by your veterinarian

Documentation:

- At check-in, your technician will assist you in completing and signing all required pre-anesthetic testing forms and consent forms

Contact Information:

- Provide current phone numbers where you can be reached throughout the day of surgery

Home Preparation:

- Prepare a quiet, comfortable space for your pet's recovery at home. Consider blocking off stairs or areas that could pose a risk during recovery

Additional Notes

- Follow any specific instructions provided by your veterinarian, as they may vary depending on your pet's individual needs and the type of surgery being performed
- If you have any questions or concerns, contact your veterinary team prior to surgery day