

HEARTLAND PRE-SURGICAL CHECKLIST



What is a Brachycephalic dog?

"Brachy" means shortened, and "cephalic" refers to the head. Brachycephalic breeds have shorter skull bones, which affects their head structure. Because of this, they are at a higher risk for complications with anesthesia, including breathing issues and a greater chance of regurgitation.



PRE-VISIT MEDICATIONS

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

- Cerenia - reduces the risk of vomiting and decreases inflammation
- Reglan - helps stimulate stomach and small intestinal contraction to reduce the risk of regurgitation
- 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-OFF CHECKLIST

- Withhold food the morning of the procedure. If your pet takes daily medications, check with your veterinarian for administration guidelines.
- Drop off between 7:30 am and 8:00 am.
- Literature indicates a decreased risk of post-surgical complications for pets who can be picked up from the hospital shortly after their procedure, compared to pets remaining in the hospital all day. **Please have your phone available to answer calls the day of your pet's procedure.**



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