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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your pet. If you are reading this brochure it is likely your pet needs a surgical procedure that requires general anesthesia.

Our goal at Animal Eye Specialists is to provide surgical expertise in a caring atmosphere and to alleviate stress for both you and your pet. This brochure is our effort to remove questions and concerns you have for your pet's surgical treatment and anesthesia. Please ask us if you have any additional questions.

WHO WE ARE

The ophthalmology team at VRCC is comprised of compassionate, board-certified ophthalmologists and certified veterinary technicians. The ophthalmologists have advanced training in diagnosis, treatment, and surgery of ocular disease in pets.

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DISCHARGE AND/OR POST-OPERATIVE CARE

- Financial check out will be done at the front desk before discharge. Please address any financial questions prior to the surgery date.
- Prior to discharging your pet, a technician will go over the home-care instructions provided by the ophthalmologist. Some surgeries require a follow up visit the next day.
- Once you are home, if any questions arise please feel free to call our office. In addition, the ophthalmologist is available via pager for after-hour concerns.
- Twenty-four hour post-operative supervision is not required in most cases.
- Your pet can return to his or her usual meal and medication routine once you arrive home.
- Please limit your pet's activity. Short walks, long naps, ample petting time, and brushing away from the face is okay.
- The best care for your pet is made possible by excellent communication between your family veterinarian and our specialist. A complete report will be faxed and mailed to your family veterinarian within 24 hours of the surgery. 🐾



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Safe
Anesthesia
Surgery
for your Pet

SURGERY APPOINTMENT

Date of Surgery: _____

Patient Name: _____

Admission Time: _____

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Animal Eye Specialists

So your pet is going to have general anesthesia, what can you expect?

SAFE ANESTHESIA ...

We provide safe anesthesia through various methods and protocols.

- State-of-the-art equipment monitors blood pressure, oxygenation status, heart rate and rhythm, and respiration frequency throughout surgery.
- Our certified veterinary technicians are exclusively dedicated to monitoring your pet's anesthesia. Our technicians have extensive experience in interpreting patient values and, under the doctors supervision, adjusting anesthetic protocols to your pet's needs.
- VRCC is also staffed with board-certified veterinary anesthesiologists for consulting and assisting with complex anesthesia.

PRE-OPERATIVE DIAGNOSTICS

Blood and urine samples are collected from your pet and submitted to a diagnostic laboratory. These test results along with a thorough physical examination, are important in reaching an accurate pre-operative evaluation, assuring our goal of safe anesthesia and the best possible recovery for your pet.



PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- The day prior to surgery, you will receive a phone call from our team to confirm your pet's surgery. Questions are welcome at this time to alleviate any concerns.
- Please give no food to your pet after 10pm the night prior to surgery.
- Water is okay for your pet in small amounts the night prior to surgery and the morning of surgery.
- If your pet is on a regular grooming schedule, be advised there is no grooming post-operatively for two weeks. Grooming prior to surgery is suggested.

THE DAY OF SURGERY-IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Admission for surgery is between 7-7:30am.
- Please walk your pet the morning of surgery prior to hospital admission.
- Please bring all your pet's medications the day of surgery.
- Diabetic Patients- No insulin the morning of surgery, bring your pet's insulin and one meal the day of surgery. Our technician will monitor blood glucose levels and insulin will be administered if necessary.
- A surgical consent form will be presented to sign for surgical authorization. A contact number will be necessary the day of surgery.
- Please notify a technician or doctor of any recent changes in your pet's physical condition (i.e. vomiting, diarrhea, not eating).

YOUR PETS RECOVERY

- Once surgery is complete, the technician that administered the anesthesia closely supervises your pet.
- As an extra service VRCC is also staffed with a recovery technician. This service provides your pet with constant supervision in a private recovery room.
- Post-operatively, you will receive a phone call from the ophthalmologist or technician. A discharge time will be established.



HOSPITALIZATION

Occasionally patients will stay overnight at our facility. Specialty Patient Care (SPC) technicians care for our hospitalized patients and are given specific treatment instructions by the ophthalmologists. An emergency doctor is present at VRCC overnight supervising your pet's care. The ophthalmologists are always available via pager to provide the best care for your pet. The ophthalmology team rechecks each overnight patient in the morning. You are welcome to call to check on your hospitalized pet at any point. Visitation hours are limited to 15 minutes to ensure your pet's rest and recovery.

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