

Rascal Unit



What to expect the day of Surgery

Due to the high volume of surgeries that are scheduled each day, the check in procedure may take up to an hour. Our surgery schedule consists of 30-50 patients, therefore some patients will not have surgery until later in the day. The order for the surgeries is based on patient status. If you must pick up your pet by a certain time, please let a staff member know. However, we cannot guarantee a pickup time.

If your pet is current on Rabies vaccination, you must present a current certificate from a licensed veterinarian, which includes your pet's information at drop off. We will not accept Rabies tags or incomplete forms, handwritten receipts, or vaccine booklets as proof of Rabies. If your pet is not current, we will administer the Rabies vaccine at the current price. If your pet has been current on Rabies vaccination and it is due close to the scheduled surgery time, we can give your pet a 3-yr Rabies for the same cost of a 1-yr vaccine.

If your pet is not considered to be healthy for surgery, we will make recommendations and ask you to reschedule the procedure date. If your pet is healthy, s/he will be sedated to decrease anxiety in preparation for the anesthesia. Once ready for surgery, your pet will be given an injectable anesthetic followed by gas anesthesia for maintenance. Once surgery is completed, you will be given a call with your pet's status and a pickup time.

When you pick up your pet, you will be given written instructions, which will help you take care of your pet after surgery. If you bring in a stray or feral cat, please ask our staff for special instructions.

If you have any questions, problems, or concerns after surgery you may contact us at 614-791-7729. You can also reach us by email by sending a message to info@rascalunit.com. If you have an emergency while we are not available or after hours, please contact a local emergency hospital. Remember, the best way to decrease the risk of complications is to follow the go-home instructions carefully. Most post-operative complications can be avoided by keeping your pet quiet and monitoring to ensure they do not cause harm to themselves. The Rascal Unit is not responsible for invoices and payments made to other facilities for after-surgery care. Post-operative evaluations performed by the Rascal Unit staff within 10 days after surgery do not have an exam fee, but any services, procedures, and medications will be charged at our regular prices.



Surgery Day Instructions

Do not feed dogs or cats 6 months or older after midnight. Puppies and kittens under 6 months of age must be fed half their normal amount the morning of surgery. Rabbits must never be fasted, and we ask that you bring a small amount of their food to offer them through the day.

Dogs must be on a secure leash at all times, unless they are small enough to be in a crate or carried. All cat's and rabbits must come in a carrier. We require only one pet per carrier to prevent problems after surgery. Cats coming out from anesthesia can be fractious or aggressive and may harm another cat in the same cage, even if they normally get along well. Also, cats that have been sedated can be suffocated by another cat lying on top of them. If you bring more than one cat in a carrier, we ask that you bring an additional carrier to separate the cats after surgery or we will provide a cardboard carrier at a cost of \$13. We will not release cats outside of an individual carrier for the safety of our patients and our staff.

Please label your pet's carrier clearly with the following information:

Your pet's name
Your name and last name

If you are bringing in a feral or stray cat, we ask that you do so in a humane trap. This makes it easier and safer for the cat and the staff to sedate and manage the cat prior to surgery.

Additional wellness services are available for surgery patients. A list of services with prices is available on our website at www.rascalunit.com. The \$20 deposit left to secure the appointment will be used toward the final invoice, which is due in full upon pick up of your pet.

Please make sure to look for calls from our staff throughout the day. All patients must be picked up within an hour of being called. The Rascal Unit cannot keep patients overnight, and any patients picked up late will incur a \$20 late fee.