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We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know about **OPTIONAL** services we provide to ensure the upmost safety and comfort for your pet.

Pre-anesthetic blood testing: Our greatest concern is the wellbeing of your pet. Surgery and use of anesthesia put additional burdens on your pet's body and internal organs. Although a physical exam is completed before any procedure, an exam alone cannot always give us a clear picture of your pet's overall health. Many illnesses strain and can damage internal organs, making it very important to know an animal's health prior to surgery, especially one requiring anesthetic. While using an anesthetic is a common practice, it always has inherent risks, even for a healthy animal. The risk of complications during surgery with anesthetic is greatly increased if your pet has an underlying illness that goes undetected. If a problem is found prior to surgery, it could require a change in the anesthetic drugs and the type of monitoring used during the surgery, or even a postponement of the procedure.

IV Catheter & Fluids: Intravenous fluids given during surgery help maintain normal blood pressure, which is vital to organs such as the kidneys. It allows rapid administration of drugs if an emergency develops.

Laser: We are pleased to offer laser surgery as an exciting option for a safe, comfortable treatment. A laser is a device that generates an intense beam of light at a specific wavelength. The most commonly used surgical laser is a CO2 laser which produces an invisible beam of light that vaporizes the water normally found in the skin and other soft tissue. Because your veterinarian can precisely control the laser, only a thin layer of tissue is removed, leaving the surrounding areas unaffected.

In many procedures, the laser can replace the scalpel and provide a gentler and better alternative to traditional surgery. With laser surgery pets experience less pain, less swelling and less bleeding. This means less chance of infection and a quicker recovery.

Post Surgical Laser Therapy Treatment: The laser light is delivered through a non-invasive handpiece to treat the surgical site. Your pet will feel a gentle and soothing warmth. The therapy laser sends photons, or packets of light energy, deep into tissue without damaging it. These photons are absorbed within the cell to induce a chemical change. This inspires the cell to produce energy needed for repair and rejuvenation. The increased energy leads to healthier cells, healthier tissue, less pain after surgery & faster healing.

Perioperative Cerenia: Reduces postoperative nausea and vomiting, helping pets recover more comfortably and eat sooner. This reduces the risk of aspiration and improves patient comfort. It also provides mild visceral pain control, helping smooth anesthetic recovery and supporting a safer, more stable perioperative period. ***The fee varies by route of administration and size of pet.***

Pain Management: Our pets are not able to express pain as we do, however surgery hurts and they do, in fact, feel pain. It has been shown humans and animals recover better and faster if they are pain free. All animals receive a pain injection as part of their pre-anesthetic, but the pain will continue for several days post-operatively. We recommend pain medications to take home. . **FELINE ZORBIUM IS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR STANDARD SURGICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT PRICING.**

Buster collar: A buster collar is important because it prevents licking, biting, or scratching surgical wounds, which protects healing tissue and reduces infection risk.

SURGICAL COMFORT PACKAGE: Our surgical comfort package includes pre-anesthetic blood testing, IV catheter and fluids, cardiac monitor, laser surgery, post op laser therapy and take home pain medications at a discounted price.

The fee reflects a 15%discount

Sedatives: It will be recommended that your pet should remain quiet for the first 5 days after surgery. If you think it will be necessary for him/her to have a sedative please let our technician know. The fee varies with the size of your pet.

Vaccinations: By vaccinating your pet, as a juvenile or as an adult, you help prevent him/her from contracting an infectious disease, many of which can cause serious permanent damage; including death. Although it is not mandatory to vaccinate, we strongly advise you to do so. An animal can become infected in a number of ways, including: close contact, sneezing, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. An owner can even unknowingly carry disease-causing germs on their hands, clothing, or shoes to an unprotected pet. Vaccinations should be boosted monthly in young animals, and yearly in adults.

Fecal test/De-worming: Many intestinal parasites are *zoonotic*, meaning that they can be transmitted between animals and people. If you think that your pet may have an intestinal parasite (almost all young animals do!), we could test a stool sample at the time of surgery. If de-worming is necessary, we will let you know at the time of check out. The price is based on the type of parasite found and the weight of your pet.

Microchipping: While your pet is anesthetized a *Petlink* microchip containing an I.D. number can be injected under the skin. Unlike tags, the microchip can never be lost. Many veterinarians, animal hospitals, and all Humane Societies/Animal Shelters scan all incoming animals for chips. If your pet gets lost, a microchip could definitely aide in their quick and safe return.

At the time of check in, a technician can answer any questions you may have about your options, the procedure, as well as their recovery, or feel free to call us ahead of time with any concerns. A detailed check in sheet will list all of the above options, you may accept or decline them. *If your pet has fleas or ticks, they will be treated at your expense with an appropriate product.*

We do everything we can to reduce stress for you and your pet. We have an excellent nursing staff and a clean, comfortable recovery area. We encourage you to call after 12pm and a technician will update you on your pet's condition. We look forward to taking care of your pet for you.

Sincerely,

Pet Station Staff