

# PRE AND POST OPERATIVE CHECKLIST

## **PRIOR TO SURGERY:**

- Radiographs have been reviewed by EVS and are available for review
- Preoperative blood work has been reviewed by primary veterinarian
- Estimate approved
- OR should be properly disinfected
- Skin checked – pyoderma must be resolved before orthopedic surgery

## **MORNING OF SURGERY:**

- Confirm surgery to be performed and side/site
- Confirm owners' telephone phone number
- Confirm EVS consent form is signed
- Confirm patient is fasted and current medications
- IV catheter is placed
- Have anesthesia protocol prepared and drugs pulled up
- Anesthesia machine tested and filled, tubes and bags ready and leak checked
- Clean clipper and blades available
- Sterile prep bowls and gauze available

## **POSTOP:**

- Set up for post operative radiographs
- Bandage material available
- E-collar available
- Postoperative fluids and medications prepared

## **DISCHARGE CHECKLIST:**

- Make sure an e-collar is on the patient
- IV catheter and boo boo bandage removed
- Make sure the incision or bandage is clean and dry
- Make sure owner has a copy of their discharge instructions
- Confirm owner has all go home medications and knows what they are for, medications match discharge instructions and inform owner when next dose is due
- Explain postoperative care instructions on discharge; e-collar, restricted activity, follow-up dates, etc.
- Make sure patient is ready for discharge; alert, awake, comfortable. Have a doctor or experienced technician confirm

**Please contact us with any questions BEFORE sending patient home.**

**Questions?**



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