



Surgery Admission Information

Your rabbit, chinchilla, or guinea pig is scheduled to have anesthesia for surgery or a dental procedure at Adana Veterinary Clinic; please read all of the enclosed information in preparation for the procedure.

Please be aware that we require verbal confirmation 3-5 business days before your pet's scheduled procedure. If you are unable to keep the appointment we request a minimum of 3 business days cancellation notice to avoid a cancellation fee. We have reserved 1 or more hours in our schedule for your pet. In case of No Show or late cancellation a minimum fee of \$75 or up to 25% of the estimated treatment plan cost will apply unless we are able to fill that spot.

Food and water: Please allow your pet to have access to food and water as usual. Small, furry exotic pets should not be fasted prior to anesthesia. It is recommended to put a small amount of hay or pellets in the carrier for transport to the clinic. Please also bring his/her usual water bottle or bowl, along with a small supply of hay, favorite greens, and pellets to be offered once she or he has recovered from anesthesia.

Medications: Unless instructed otherwise, please give any prescribed medication the morning of the procedure.

When to bring your pet: We admit patients at a specific time between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Please arrive on time with your pet to meet with our nursing staff to obtain necessary information and consents from you. If you have already filled out the Consent Form it will speed up the process. The Veterinary Technician (nurse) will try to answer any questions you may have.

While your pet is here: After pre-anesthetic exam is complete your pet will be given a pre-medication in preparation for surgery. This usually includes a mild sedative and pain medication. Later your pet will be anesthetized using isoflurane gas. We optimize keeping small, furry exotics warm and safe throughout the period, monitoring vitals the entire time. Technicians also will monitor your pet closely through recovery, someone will call or text you as soon as the patient is stable. Please keep in mind that we usually have several surgeries in a morning and your pet may be the first or the last on the schedule that day.

When to call: Most procedures are completed by 1 p.m. If you have not heard from us, feel free to call between 1 and 2 p.m. at 607-844-4042. Patients are able to go home the same day (if this is not expected, you will be notified at the admission). The reception will set up a 10 minute discharge appointment with you at the time of admission (usually between 3p.m. and 5 p.m.).

Post-op care: It is very important that small furies begin to eat shortly after recovering from anesthesia. If this does not occur, staff will syringe feed him/her to stimulate appetite. We will also demonstrate how to continue this at home at the time of discharge. We will provide verbal and written information on how to care for your pet at home. Our staff will answer any questions you may have – please feel free to ask.

If you have questions after your pet is home, please call our regular number, 607-844-4042.

About anesthesia for small, furry exotics at Adana

Advances in anesthesia and surgery make most procedures very safe. At Adana we take great pride in our modern, state-of-the-art anesthesia delivery system and our level of monitoring. We will monitor many crucial parameters during anesthesia (Heart rate/pulse, respiration, oxygen content of the blood, body temperature, and blood pressure). For rabbits, chinchillas, and guinea pigs anesthesia is more challenging as we need to have very high focus on avoiding or decreasing stress; as well as on keeping them nice and warm throughout.

Pre-Anesthetic Testing

Pre-anesthetic blood tests that evaluate organ function prior to having your pet undergo anesthesia is an optional item for small furries. The results will indicate whether organ function is normal (liver, kidney, sugar and protein levels) ahead of a planned anesthesia. The test, called a Small Mammal Profile, has to be shipped to an out-of-state laboratory, and will need be performed 7-10 days before anesthesia. Please call our staff to schedule a tech. appt. for a blood draw if interested in this.

Fluid support

The placement of an IV catheter prior to an anesthetic procedure often provides a challenge and may be stressful to most small furries. As long as the pet is healthy, we typically opt to provide a dose of fluids given under the skin (subcutaneously) to support the pet in recovery. If the pet is not healthy and we deem an IV catheter is more beneficial, this will have been discussed by the doctor during the pet's exam.

Information about syringe feeding Critical Care

It is very important that small furries begin to eat shortly after recovering from anesthesia. If this does not occur, staff will syringe feed him/her to stimulate appetite using Oxbow Critical Care. This product contains all the essential nutrients of a complete diet, as well as high-fiber timothy hay to support proper gut physiology and digestion.. We will also demonstrate how to continue this at home at the time of discharge. A special feeding syringe and the remainder of the bag of Oxbow Critical Care opened for feeding earlier in the day will go home with you.

We recommend feeding small, frequent meals of mixed food every 2-4 hours for the first 24 hours or until your pet eats well by itself.

Directions for mixing: Critical Care should be mixed fresh for each feeding, Mix 1 part Critical Care - Herbivore® with 2 parts warm water to the desired consistency. The volume of water may be adjusted depending on feeding method.

Prepare fresh at each feeding; discard after 24 hours. Volume to use: Typically 1.5 tbsp of dry Critical care per lb. of bodyweight per 24 hours for rabbits, Guinea pigs, chinchillas and the like.

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