

Refer OUT protocol *(Save/print for easy reference)*

For cases that you would like to have Dr. Lara Rasmussen provide surgical services for one of your patients at a DVS partner clinic in the Twin Cities, follow this protocol for preparations.

- 1) Contact Direct Veterinary Surgery, LLC by website form, email, or phone.
www.directvetsurg.com
directvetsurg@gmail.com
651 829-1111 phone/text
- 2) Relay one of the following scenarios *with client name, patient signalment and diagnosis*:
 - a. Patient with **firm** diagnosis, need to set up surgery.
 - b. Patient with **fuzzy** diagnosis, need a DVM phone consult to firm up options.
 - c. Patient with **open** diagnosis, need to set up exam.
- 3) Provide owners the DVS contact information for direct scheduling. *(We will need your referral request prior to their call to optimize successful communication, please.)*
- 4) Complete any pertinent pre-anesthetic or diagnostic tests, that you feel comfortable interpreting/approving, prior to surgery date.
- 5) Provide owners with all hardcopy/CD medical records, tests and imaging to carry with them to the surgery appointment.
- 6) Date of owner's upcoming appointment will be provided by email to you along with copies of materials sent to owner (for your records).
- 7) A calendar reminder confirmation will be sent from DVS to owner along with educational materials and clinic directions/contact.
- 8) Day before surgery, a phone/email confirmation will be made from DVS to owner.

DAY OF SURGERY:

- Partner Clinic attending DVM & staff will conduct admitting exam with owner; plan will be confirmed or adjusted.
- DVS will provide all surgical equipment and procedures.
- DVS will communicate with owner preop/intraop (as needed) and postop to convey results and postop plan.
- Partner Clinic attending DVM and staff will conduct a discharge visit with owner and patient.
- Phone and/or email postop summary by Dr. Lara Rasmussen will be provided to you; complete medical records, client education materials, and patient images will be sent by email to your clinic.

AFTER SURGERY:

- Partner Clinic staff will contact owner 1-3 days postop to scout and assist with any questions and reiterate plan for recheck with your clinic at 2wks.
- DVS will contact your clinic by email day 15 to scout and assist with any questions after client recheck with you.
- Postop radiographs or other data are welcomed by email or webform for DVS review and comment.