

## Preparing for DVS Surgical Procedure

### Front Desk

#### **Book DVS Visit**

- Website - [directvetsurg.com](http://directvetsurg.com)
- Email - [directvetsurg@gmail.com](mailto:directvetsurg@gmail.com)
- Phone - 651-829-1111
- Please provide patient name, signalment, body weight, disease, surgical procedure, radiographs, other data.
- Specify any preferences: day of week, am/pm, dates

#### **Clinic-DVS Visit Scheduled**

- “Confirmation” email (will look like a Google Invite; take note, but no response required)

#### **Owner/Doctor Documents**

- Pass along attached documents:
  - Client (*Pet Owner series, Postop Instructions, Preop Prep, Working with DVS*)
  - DVM staff (*DVM Professional series*)

#### **Owner Confirmed**

- Please place reminder call to owner 1 day in advance.
- Please confirm pet health for anesthesia risk before scheduled surgery date (bloodwork reviewed, other as needed)

#### **DVS Confirmed**

- DVS will call you 1 day in advance to confirm approximate time of arrival and actual procedure type. **\*\*If you do not hear from us, please call to confirm**

#### **Surgeon Arrival Time**

- Day of surgery, DVS will call 30 minutes prior to our arrival. Please make sure to communicate time to the surgery team. **\*\*If you do not hear from us, please call to confirm.**

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### Surgery Team

#### **DVS confirmed**

- Surgery Technician ask receptionist for surgeon arrival time.

#### **Admit with Owner**

- Confirm procedure with owner
- Mark site/leg with owner using marker/pen
- Confirm current medications with owner
- Set approximate discharge time
- Sign informed consent form

#### **Surgery Team Chart Review**

- Confirm procedure
- Confirm site/leg
- Confirm ongoing medical conditions and current medications
- Confirm pre op radiographs available, if appropriate.



#### **OR Preparation**

- Prepare anesthesia plan
- Syringes and needles for Nocita/Bupivacaine (1cc-20cc syringe variety several each, 22 & 20g needles)
- Culturettes and formalin containers readily available
- Lavage/additional bag of new fluids
- Skin prep supplies:
  - Antiseptic scrub gauze
  - Alcohol gauze
  - Antiseptic/alcohol spray bottle
- Bandage Box preferences:
  - BSN Specialist Cast Padding (2 inch for smaller patients and 3 or 4 inch for larger patients)
  - Stretch/brown roll gauze (2 inch for smaller patients and 3 or 4 inch for larger patients)
  - VetWrap (2 inch and 3 or 4 inch)
  - 1 inch white tape
  - Bandage scissors



#### **Patient Prep:**

- Premedicate (anti-anxiety, anti-nausea, sedation, analgesia), unless DVS specific request not to
- Place IV catheter
- \*\*\*\***Verify surgeon's 30 minute heads up call prior to induction**\*\*\*
- Induction/maintenance anesthesia
- Cefazolin (or equivalent) administered IV during patient prep (completed prior to skin incision)
- Surgery site clip and vacuum
  - Limb surgeries clip variable, please inquire.
  - Perianal surgeries clip two half-moons around anus reaching ischium to ischium
  - Abdominal surgeries clip sternum to pubis
- Prelim prep surgery site using aseptic technique, alternating liberal use of Chlorhex/Betadine Scrub and Alcohol minimum 3 times each.



#### **OR Patient Set-up: (Please utilize DVS staff for assistance)**

- All staff wear cap/mask
- Move to OR and establish anesthesia and monitoring (EKG, SPO2, CO2, blood pressure, temperature probe). **\*\*If surgeon is utilizing electrocautery, it is important that EKG clips are used and NOT esophageal probe (metal exposed); esophageal burn risk\*\***
- VetWrap from hock to toes (after clip/vacuum), if a "hanging leg" prep is appropriate.