

How-To Guide: Surgery at your Primary Care Veterinary Clinic

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Direct Veterinary Surgery travels to many northern Bay area Primary Care Clinics to perform surgery or examine and consult with pet owners in-clinic. Your veterinarian and staff will facilitate this surgical option, if it is available.

- 1) When your pet has a disease/injury/condition that may need surgical treatment, discuss options with your primary care veterinary team.
- 2) If *Direct Veterinary Surgery* is an option for in-clinic surgery, and you would like to proceed with our services, advise your primary care veterinary team to begin the process of scheduling surgery. **They will handle the initial set up** and advise you along the way.

BEFORE THE VISIT:

- Informational and educational materials will be sent to your primary care clinic by email, to be passed along to you. Please look for these coming and contact your primary care clinic if you have not received them.
- Your primary care clinic will advise you about details in advance of your visit, including appointment times, medication recommendations, diagnostic tests needed before anesthesia, etc.

DAY OF SURGERY:

- Your pet will be anesthetized by your primary care veterinary team prior to surgery and managed thru recovery.
- Dr. Lara Rasmussen will discuss your pet's case with the attending veterinarian on the day of surgery and confirm the surgical plan. Dr. Rasmussen will proceed with the surgical plan, unless changes are recommended. If that is the case, she will contact you for discussions before proceeding. ****Please make yourself available.**
- Your primary care team will alert you by phone (or in-clinic) when surgery starts and ends.
- Dr. Rasmussen will discuss your pet's case postoperatively with you by phone/in-clinic and provide written postoperative instructions.

AFTER SURGERY:

- Routing questions through primary care veterinary team is the most useful method of maintaining continuity-of-care and accurate medical records.
- DVS will contact your primary care veterinary team by email day 2-3 postop to assist with any questions they or you may have had in the initial postoperative period.
- DVS will contact your primary care veterinary team by email day 14 to assist with any questions you may have had after your pet's 2-week recheck appointment with them.