

## Refer IN protocol *(Save/print for easy reference)*

For cases that you would like to have Dr. Lara Rasmussen come to your northern Bay Area clinic to perform outpatient surgery on one of your patients, please follow this protocol for preparations.

- 1) Contact *Direct Veterinary Surgery, LLC* by website form, email, or phone.  
www.directvetsurg.com  
[directvetsurg@gmail.com](mailto:directvetsurg@gmail.com)  
651 829-1111 phone/text
- 2) Relay one of the following scenarios:
  - 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 consult.
- 3) Provide 3-5 dates that are preferred.
- 4) Date will be confirmed (by original contact method—phone or email).
- 5) To avoid “medical cancelations”, please have pre-anesthetic exam/bloodwork *completed prior to surgery date*.

### BEFORE THE VISIT:

- An email calendar reminder/confirmation will be sent to clinic, along with educational material for the owners (\*\*please pass along to owners before surgery day\*\*).
- Day before surgery, a phone confirmation to clinic with approximate arrival time. (\*\*contact DVS if not received\*\*)

### DAY OF SURGERY:

- DVS will call clinic 30min before arrival. ***\*\*Please do NOT induce anesthesia until this call.\*\****
- DVS arrives and receives verbal patient history and diagnostics from *primary care DVM* on case.
- Dr. Lara Rasmussen will discuss options and confirm plan for visit with *pcDVM*.
- Dr. Lara Rasmussen will assist primary care staff with patient preparations
- *Primary care staff* will alert owner by phone to timing of surgery start/stop.
- *Primary care DVM & staff* will manage anesthesia from premedication through recovery; DVS to assist where requested.
- DVS will provide all surgical equipment and procedures.
- *Primary care clinic* will provide miscellaneous disposable supplies (syringes, bandage materials, etc), as indicated.
- DVS will provide ancillary pain medications, drains and bandaging supplies (Nocita/bupivacaine, Tegaderm bandaid, wound materials, close suction drains, etc.) as indicated.
- Dr. Lara Rasmussen will complete on-site medical record *in primary care clinic software*, provide written postoperative instructions, and discuss case with owner by phone/in-person (as preferred by *pcDVM*).

### AFTER SURGERY:

- DVS will contact your clinic by email day 2-3 postop to scout and assist with any questions.
- DVS will contact your clinic by email day 14 to scout and assist with any questions after client recheck.
- Postop radiographs or other data are welcomed by email or webform for DVS review and comment.