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We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at our hospital for your procedure. We thought it would make things easier for you and your family if we go over a few things before you arrive. The following information will tell you what to expect before, during and after your visit.

Checking in

1. Please remember to fast after 11:00 pm the night before your procedure. That means **no** food so that your stomach is empty, in the event you feel some nausea during or after anesthesia. (If you happen to drink some water that is fine but please don't drink much!)
2. Please arrive at the hospital on your leash or in your carrier between 7:30 and 8 am on the day of your procedure. When you get here, we will review the plan for your procedure and have your family complete some paperwork.
Please allow 15 to 20 minutes for the check-in process. From the minute you arrive, we are taking steps to ensure your safety and comfort so we cannot rush this important part of your care.
3. Prior to the day of your arrival, please contact us with any questions you or your family may have about your procedure. We want to be sure that your family is fully satisfied with our communication prior to check-in. Also be sure that you and your family fully understand the financial treatment plan as payment is expected at the time of discharge. (We are happy to present your family with an estimate for your procedure as requested.)
4. If you would like to bring a snuggly toy (or something that smells like your family) for comfort, please do. It will be a nice reminder to you of the family that is waiting eagerly to have you back home! We will keep it with you for the duration of your stay with us and send it home with you when you leave.

Your Procedure

1. Once you are checked in, we will bring you to the treatment area where your doctor will perform a comprehensive, pre-anesthetic exam. Even if we know you well, we will examine you (at no charge) to be sure that nothing has changed since the last time that we saw you.

We require running pre-anesthetic bloodwork on the day of any procedure that requires anesthesia; however, if you have already had bloodwork done within three weeks of your arrival, your family may opt not to have bloodwork done on the day of your procedure as long as your physical exam is normal.

2. Once your exam is complete and the doctor has finalized her anesthetic protocol, we will give you a pre-anesthetic injection under your skin. This will make you feel very, calm and relaxed!
3. After you have reached maximum relaxation, we will begin anesthesia, and start your procedure. During your procedure, you will be continuously monitored by our surgical technicians. You will either be given intravenous or subcutaneous fluid therapy to help you process your anesthesia. You may have a bandage on your leg where your catheter was which you should take off before bedtime. Or you may have a lump on your back where your fluids were given which will go away on its own.
4. Once your procedure is complete, we will bring you to the recovery area, where the surgical technicians will closely monitor you.
5. After you are fully awake and comfortable, we will call your family to check in with them, and talk about the details of your procedure. Though you may feel great, we will keep you with us for at least a few more hours so that we can continue to monitor your comfort and recovery.
6. Your family will come pick you up in the afternoon or evening. Depending on the nature of your procedure, you may go home with a bandage, stitches, or an Elizabethan collar. Sometimes, a post-surgical recheck appointment will need to be made-we will arrange that with your family at the time of discharge.
7. We will call your family to check in on your recovery at home, but please have them call us if they have any questions or concerns!

Thank you for reading this. We look forward to seeing you!
Your caregivers at Bayside Veterinary Care