

**Union Veterinary Clinic provides a variety of routine and elective surgical services. Surgeries are performed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday by Drs. Gross, Lehmann and Kats. Below are questions and services offered to help prepare you for any upcoming procedures.**

**How should I prepare for my pet's upcoming procedure?**

Do not feed your pet any food after 8pm the night before their scheduled surgery. You can leave water out for them. Your pet needs to have an empty stomach when receiving any anesthesia.

**How long does my pet need to stay at the clinic?**

Your pet should be dropped off between 7:00am-9:00am. You can pick up your pet the following day after 12:00pm. If you are dropping off for a feline neuter, they can go home after 5:00pm on the day of their procedure.

**Should I restrict my pet's activity after their surgery?**

Your pet may be leaving with stitches at their surgery site. These will dissolve within 10-14 days. During that time your pet should go on shorter walks than usual. Do not take dogs to any parks or let him/her run too much. Your pet (canine or feline) should also refrain from jumping on and off furniture, going up and down stairs or aggressive playtime.



**Why does my pet need to stay overnight?** With some procedures it is very important that your pet remains quiet and comforted for the first 24 hours after surgery. Staying overnight at UVC also limits their activity, helping the surgery site heal properly.

**Pre-anesthetic blood testing:** This is done to make sure that your pet's internal organs such as the kidneys and liver are functioning correctly. All patients 7 years and older require this testing.

**Pre-operative pain medication:** Studies have shown that pain medication given before a procedure is much more effective in preventing pain than pain medication given after the procedure.

**Anesthetic monitoring:** The blood oxygen level is very important since they can point to early signs of anesthetic problems when they can still be fixed.

**Dedicated anesthetist:** It is vitally important for your pet's safety that there be someone present during the procedure whose only task is to monitor your pet. Would you be comfortable going under anesthesia if the only person in the room with you was the person performing the procedure? At UVC we have a technician dedicated to monitoring your pet's vital signs while under anesthesia.



# Surgery

**IV catheter and fluids:** An IV catheter allows instant access to the circulatory system if any emergency drugs need to be given. IV fluids are used to keep our patients' blood pressure in a safe range and to help preserve kidney function during anesthesia.

**Post-surgical pain medication:** Any patient that has had a surgical procedure should be provided with pain medication to be given at home.

**Detailed written aftercare instructions:** You will always receive written instructions after your pet's procedure so that you know how to care for him or her, know what is normal after anesthesia and know when to call us if you think there is problem.

**Specialty Surgery:** We work with a veterinary surgeon who can come to UVC and perform more advanced or difficult surgeries for your pet.

**Microchips:** During surgery is a great time to consider microchip implantation. All puppies and kitten receive a discounted rate when combined with a spay or neuter. Most pets are also required to have a microchip if you are planning to live or travel abroad. If your pet is ever missing, having a registered microchip can greatly increase your chance of being reunited.

Surgery Services offered by Union Veterinary Clinic include:

- Spays and Neuters
- Mass removals and biopsies
- Exploratory
- Cystotomy
- Amputations



Union Veterinary Clinic's State of the art Surgical Suite

Union Veterinary Clinic was established in 2002 by Dr. Bruce Herwald and Dr. Julie Giles. Union Veterinary Clinic is committed to providing compassionate primary veterinary medical care to small animals. The creation of a doctor-patient-client triad is Union Veterinary Clinic's goal. Our clinic's guiding principle is that disease processes behaves differently in every cat and dog. Based on this principle, we provide an individualized wellness plan for each patient.

In addition to making sure every patient is as comfortable as possible, we also made a commitment to the highest quality medical, dental and surgical care. This is reflected by the use of the most up to date diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

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## A Guide to Veterinary Surgical Services

