

## **PRE-SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS**

**Night Before Surgery:** No food after 12:00 midnight. No water after 6:00 a.m. on the day of surgery. An empty stomach is necessary for the anesthetic and surgical procedure, as well as for recovery.

**Day of Surgery:** Please bring your pet to the clinic between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. on the morning of surgery. If you are unable to arrive at that time you may drop off your pet the evening prior to surgery. An overnight boarding fee will apply. **Please inform Stonewall Veterinary Clinic in advance if special arrangements are necessary.**

**Discharge:**

- male cat neuter – same day discharge
- female cat spay – next day discharge
- dog neuter/spay – next day discharge
- cat declaw – two night stay, second day discharge

This schedule allows adequate time for recuperation and for the doctor to examine your pet before discharge. Discharge time may vary depending on your pet's recovery. Discharge time is normally after 9 a.m. We recommend you call ahead to confirm your pet's condition and pickup time. For other elective procedures (dental, tumor removal, miscellaneous surgical procedures), discharge time will be determined as appropriate for your pet.

**Questions:** Please feel free to ask any questions regarding your pet's procedure. A veterinarian or veterinary technician will call you once your pet's procedure is completed and the pet has recovered from anesthesia.