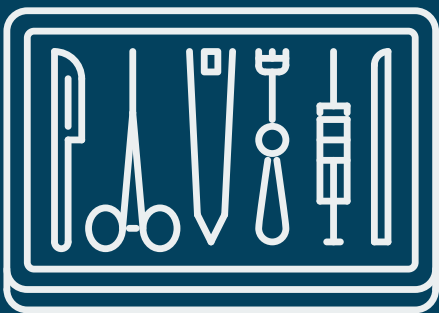


# DO YOU HAVE A FIRST TIME SURGERY PATIENT?

Check out this checklist:

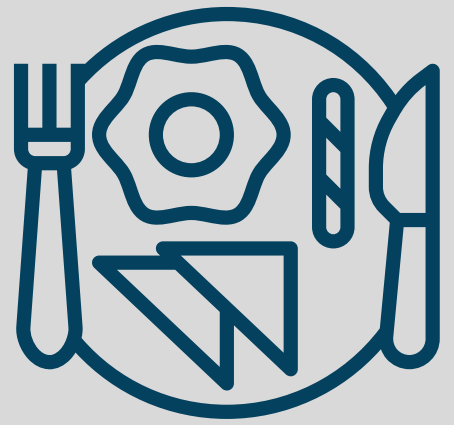


## What type of surgery?

Dogs can undergo many different types of surgery in their lifetime. It is important to inform the client with helpful information about what their pup's surgery is or does. This could be handing out informational packets or having a consultation with the client prior to surgery day.

## Prepping Clients for Patients Surgery

Different surgeries require different preparation. It may entail asking the owner to help prep their pup for surgery by making sure the patient doesn't have food the night before or the morning of the procedure to help prevent nausea caused by the anesthesia used.



## What does post-op look like?

More complicated surgeries may require your patient to spend the night at the clinic. In this case it is important to let the owner pre-op if their pup will need to spend the night at the clinic if you can do so. It is also best to go over what a night in the clinic post-op will look like for the patient.

## When your patient goes home

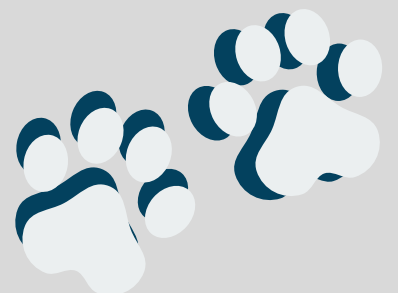
When your patient finally goes home, make sure their owner knows all steps necessary to ensure a speedy recovery. This will include having a place to rest quietly. Also, be sure to write down all of the medications that are needed. Having the patient's owner take notes is the best way to make sure that all the information needed is received. This will increase efficiency for you and the recovery of the patient.



## Recovery Time

The more the patient can rest on their own, the better. Be sure to go over at-home care with the patient's owner. If the patient has stitches, be sure to mention keeping an eye on all of the incisions throughout the recovery process. Also be sure to mention how to contact you, the veterinarian, if they have any questions about the patient's recovery process.

Surgery is a critical time in your patient's life. It's good to know what to tell your client to ensure the most efficient pre-op, during op, and post-op monitoring.



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