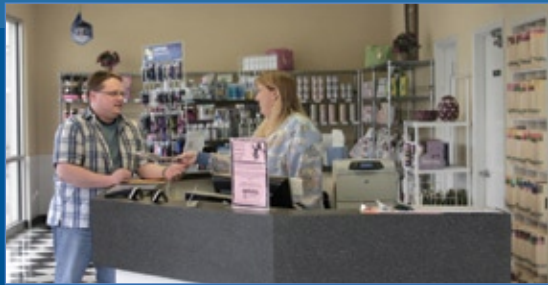


MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pet Care makes a commitment to serve our clients and patients with a sense of community and family to provide a level of quality in veterinary medicine that can be trusted.

We take pride in our devotion to the well-being of our companion animal patients and in communicating honestly with their care-givers.

We will provide leadership through education, encouragement through compassion and satisfaction through the highest standards of veterinary care attainable.



OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 7:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday 7:30am - 3:00pm
Sunday Closed

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Elective Surgery

A CONSUMER GUIDE



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We Recommend

the following tests for the *wellness* of your pet.

Blood Chemistry

Blood chemistry tests provide information concerning your pet's vital organs such as the kidneys, liver, pancreas, thyroid, parathyroid and intestinal tract. These tests can also indicate conditions such as anemia and dehydration as well as endocrine diseases and certain types of tumors.

Complete Blood Count (CBC)

The CBC provides information concerning the various types of blood cells. The white blood cells (WBC's) are the body's primary defense against infection. Platelets play a major role in the blood clotting process and are essential for halting bleeding.

Urinalysis

The Urinalysis provides important information about the functioning capacity of the kidneys. In addition, the urine contains by-products from many organs and abnormal levels of these by-products can indicate disease such as liver and kidney disease or diabetes.

Electrolytes

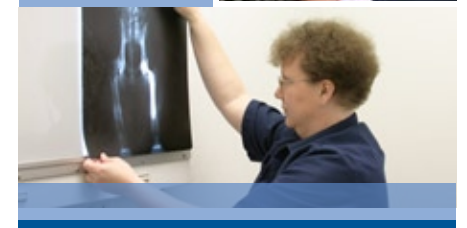
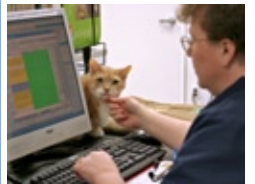
In order to maintain life, the appropriate balance of electrolytes is vital. Certain diseases or conditions may result in electrolyte imbalances that could compromise a pet's health and ultimately become life threatening.

Other Tests

Depending on your pet's age, history and physical exam, the Doctor may recommend all or a combination of the above tests. Additionally, given the results of the initial tests the Doctor may recommend an EKG (electrocardiogram) or serum thyroid level. Our staff is always happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding the health and happiness of your pet.



In-house diagnostics allow your pet the convenience of not waiting for lab results





Questions to Ask ... and Why to Ask Them

1. Will my pet receive a complete physical examination prior to surgery?

This is important for a number of reasons. It is our first defense against performing surgery on an animal that may have an infectious disease, a heart murmur, or be debilitated from parasites. At Central Pet Care the health of your pet comes first. Our Doctors will carefully examine your pet prior to surgery. Along with a complete physical exam, if your pet is in an "at risk" category the doctor may recommend further tests prior to surgery.

2. Does my pet need any blood work prior to surgery?

Central Pet Care offers an in-house diagnostic lab. What this means to you and your pet is that there is no wait to receive treatment. With just a few drops of blood we are able to test for any abnormalities that may not be present in a physical exam. If your pet displays any characteristics that would put them at a higher risk during surgery, you will be contacted by the attending physician to discuss your pet's treatment alternatives.

3. What safety precautions will be taken with my pet during surgery?

While most surgery is uneventful, emergencies sometimes arise. Early detection of impending problems greatly aids our ability to intervene and correct the problem. We place a breathing tube on all anesthetized animals. This keeps the airway open and allows for supplemental oxygen or gas anesthesia as needed. We also use a heart and oxygen monitor that allows the surgeon to keep track of heart rate and rhythm as well as the amount of oxygen in the blood. Central Pet Care works hard to take all necessary precautions for the health and safety of your pet.

4. What safety precautions will be taken with my pet after surgery?

Surgery patients lose body heat through anesthesia and the opening of body cavities. If patients get too cold, their heart can be affected. At Central Pet Care patient temperature is monitored at regular intervals during and after surgery. Supplemental heating is provided as needed. Your pet is also monitored closely by our Doctors and technicians after surgery.

5. How will my pet's pain be controlled?

This is very important — surgery hurts! The anesthetic will not provide pain control once your pet wakes up. Central Pet Care recommends the use of an injectable pain medication. These meds will be given to your pet prior to waking up from anesthesia. This will provide your pet with 24 hours of pain control. If your pet shows signs of significant discomfort after 24 hours, the Doctor will prescribe some oral pain medication to take home.

6. Will I receive written post-surgical care instructions for my pet?

Aftercare of surgical patients is very important for proper healing. Central Pet Care will provide you with written discharge instructions for your pet. Our staff will also go over after care instructions with you when you pick up your pet. Central Pet Care also offers you and your pet an after hours emergency alternative. You can take advantage of this service by simply calling Central Pet Care's phone number.

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Laser Surgery

Your pet's health is as important to us as it is to you. This is why we are pleased to offer laser surgery as an exciting new option for safe, comfortable treatment.

In many procedures, the laser can replace the scalpel and provide a better alternative to traditional surgery. Laser technology reduces the trauma to your pet, improves recovery, and often shortens hospital stays.

Laser energy seals nerve endings as it moves through tissue causing your pet to feel less pain after surgery. The laser also seals small blood vessels during surgery which allows the Doctor to perform surgeries with extraordinary precision. This also speeds some procedures reducing the need for anesthesia.

Another benefit to using laser energy is that the laser does not crush, tear or bruise because only a beam of intense light contacts the tissue. This means less swelling for your pet.

What does all this mean for your pet? This means reduced risk of infection, precision and a quicker return to normal activities.

Ask if your pet's procedure can be done with a laser!



Dr. Melanie K. Grundy,
Chief of Medical &
Surgical Services

Thank you for recognizing the need to spay or neuter your pet. Many people "shop around" for the best price on elective surgery, without the knowledge of why the cost varies among veterinary practices. At Central Pet Care we know that your pet is a valued member of your family, and you will not settle for anything but the best when it comes to your family. Our

Doctors and Staff stand behind our products and services. If we wouldn't give it to our pets, we will not recommend it for yours.

When you place your pet in our hands, you trust us to provide your pet with the best possible medical care. You expect us to provide you with advice which will allow you to make the best decisions for your pet.

In order to offer you the peace of mind you deserve, we have put this guide together to help you find the best fit between the veterinary practice and your expectations for the care your pet.

Providing products and services that reward your pet with the best care possible is our primary goal.

Melanie K. Grundy D.V.M.