

## Workflow for Veterinary Clinics and Peak Veterinary Surgery

## Prior to surgery

- The primary veterinarian has diagnosed a surgical disease and has performed all relevant diagnostic tests.
  - CBC/Chemistry are advised within 2 months for healthy patients, and 1-2 weeks for ill patients.
- Refer a case by filling out the form online or calling Dr. Hamil.

## • The day of surgery

- The patient is fasted (no food past midnight, the night before surgery), and dropped off >1 hour before the planned surgery time.
  - The Peak Veterinary Consent form must be signed by the client at drop off (we will send this to your hospital digitally, when surgery is scheduled, but the form can also be downloaded at: peakvetsurgery.com, in the 'Referring Veterinarians' section, within the 'Preparing for Mobile Surgery' tab)
- The operating room should be clean (all surfaces including overhead surgical lamps, tables, floors)
  - The OR temperature should be cool in preparation for sterile procedures (between 65-68 degrees Fahrenheit)
- We call when we are 30 minutes away, to ensure coordination of pre-medications and arrival.
- Upon arrival to the host hospital, Peak Veterinary Surgery sets up the operating room and surgical equipment, positions and prepares (clips and scrubs) the patient for surgery.
- Peak Veterinary Surgery performs the surgery, and provides all surgical equipment, instruments, and implants.
- The host hospital performs the anesthesia, monitoring, and recovery of the patient.
- Dr. Hamil calls the client after surgery to discuss the procedure and required aftercare.
  - Discharges are provided to go home with the patient by Peak Veterinary Surgery.
- The host hospital monitors the patient until recovery, prescribes post operative medications, and discharges the patient to the client (or facilitates transfer to a 24-hour veterinary hospital if overnight monitoring is required)
  - Peak Veterinary Surgery can provide recommendations to the primary veterinarian for post operative analgesia, and antibiotics.

## • Follow up care including recheck appointments:

- Performed by the host hospital.
  - If any questions or concerns arise regarding post operative management, please contact Peak Veterinary Surgery