

## Foster Surgery Day Instructions

If you have any questions or concerns please email the Foster Coordinator, Aurora, anytime at [alewis@hswestmi.org](mailto:alewis@hswestmi.org) or our Foster Veterinary Technician, Sabrina, at [sanderson@hswestmi.org](mailto:sanderson@hswestmi.org).

Please remember if you want to adopt your fosters, you need to let our Adoptions team know by the end of the day the day **PRIOR** to surgery! Their email is [adoptions@hswestmi.org](mailto:adoptions@hswestmi.org).

**If you are running late, please email Sabrina AND our Vet Staff at [vetstaff@hswestmi.org](mailto:vetstaff@hswestmi.org) with your anticipated arrival time.**

- ★ **If you have kittens or puppies**, you do not need to withhold water or food for surgery.
- ★ **If you have adult cats or dogs**, please refrain from giving breakfast the morning of surgery to avoid upset stomach during anesthesia. Water is okay. Administer any prescribed medications as normal.

### Drop off

1. Arrive between 7:30-8am to our **Admitting** doors unless a different time was discussed at time of scheduling. Please ring the doorbell labeled "Preop" once you arrive - our admitting doors are locked in the morning and ringing the bell alerts our team you are here. One of our Vet Techs will meet you in the lobby inside these doors to take your animal(s).
2. If your foster is not returning home with you after surgery, please bring back your supplies at this time and place them outside of our **Foster** doors in the Foster Drop-Off bin. Please don't place them in the pick up shed!
3. Please be patient as there may be others dropping off at the same time.

### Pick up

1. If you are picking up your foster to be adopted from foster via Zoom, or you are adopting them yourself, the pickup time is between 4-4:30pm from the Admitting doors again unless a different pick up time was previously discussed.
2. There should be someone in Admitting at your time of pick up (unless it is Monday). Let them know who you are picking up and a vet staff member will bring out your foster animal(s). You will be given their postoperative pain medications at this time. The post-op medication is given by mouth once daily, starting the day after surgery as they got their first dose already prior to surgery that day. **THIS MUST BE ADMINISTERED AS PRESCRIBED - NO EXCEPTIONS**
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