

Veterinary Community Outreach Program

Medical & Surgical Service Information

Location

Our clinic is located between the Large Animal Hospital and Small Animal Hospital of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine at 2015 SW 16th Avenue. From the Shealy Drive entrance to the veterinary campus, follow signs toward the Large Animal Hospital. You will pass the Emergency entrance of the Small Animal Hospital on your left. Turn left towards the entrance to the Large Animal Hospital and you will see our clinic directly in front of you. There are a few metered spaces in front of the clinic and a sign over the door that reads, "Community Outreach."

Drop Off & Pick Up

- Surgery patients – Surgery is typically performed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Animals should be dropped off between 8:00 and 8:30am on the morning of surgery by a single representative from your rescue organization. Animals less than 6 months of age or toy breeds of any age should receive a small meal on the morning of their scheduled procedure. Animals greater than 6 months of age should not be fed the morning of their procedure (water is fine). Patient discharges will be arranged on an individual basis based on our daily schedule, but typically occur between 4:00 and 5:00pm.
- Heartworm treatments – Heartworm treatments are typically performed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Animals should arrive for treatment between 9:00 and 9:30am on the morning of their scheduled treatment. A single representative from your rescue organization should be prepared to wait with the animal for the duration of the treatment (15-20 minutes).

Surgery Discharge Instructions

- Animals should have restricted activity (dogs-leash walks only) for one week (neuters) and 10-14 days (spays). No running, jumping, or roughhousing. Please make sure the surgical area remains clean and dry (no baths for 1 week). An E-collar may be necessary if the animal attempts to lick at the incision.
- Normal diet and water should be provided.
- Examine the incision daily. A small amount of swelling and inflammation may be normal, but the incision should not be painful, hot, red, or draining.

Heartworm Treatment Instructions

- Dogs undergoing heartworm treatment should have restricted activity (strict confinement and/or cage rest; leash walks only) throughout the entire course of treatment and for one month following the last injection. Activity restriction is the single most important step in ensuring a positive outcome.
- We also recommend that dogs receive at least 2 doses of a monthly heartworm preventive (e.g., Heartgard) and a one-month course of doxycycline prior to starting treatment with Immiticide.
- Dogs will receive an oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (Previcox) on the day of their heartworm treatment. Please alert the clinic staff if the patient is currently being treated or has recently received a dose of any NSAID (e.g., Rimadyl, Deramax, Previcox, etc.) or steroid (e.g., prednisone).

Contact Information

Our main clinic number is 352-294-4620. We are not in the clinic every day, though we strive to return messages within 48 hours. Please do not contact the Small Animal Hospital when trying to reach us.

Individual foster homes should contact a representative from their rescue group with any individual questions or concerns. Rescue group representatives may call Dr. Isaza or Dr. DiGangi directly at any time. We will be happy to re-examine patients should complications arise.