

## **How Animal Surgical Care of Michigan works with your staff**

1) When you have a patient that needs surgery, call or text Dr. Boswell at 269-312-4227 (or e-mail at [surgeon@animalsurgicalcaremi.com](mailto:surgeon@animalsurgicalcaremi.com)) to discuss the case. Once an appropriate surgery is agreed upon, an appointment will be set up for her to consult with the client and pet at your practice. She will meet with the client, evaluate the patient, and discuss the surgical technique, possible complications, and anticipated outcome/recovery. Surgery will follow immediately after the consult. The owner will have the option of scheduling just a consult and scheduling the surgery at another time. If the pet owner is not available to meet with Dr. Boswell at the appointment time, they will have the option of dropping off their pet prior to the consult as long as they are available to speak to Dr. Boswell after she examines their dog or cat, before or after surgery. You may also have the owner call before surgery to discuss the above if she will not be meeting with them before surgery.

For circumstances that prevent Dr. Boswell from being able to perform surgery in your practice, please contact her to discuss setting up surgery at another nearby veterinary clinic.

2) You may provide your client with Dr. Boswell's contact information so they can contact her prior to the appointment. She is happy to discuss surgery, postop care, etc. with them before their appointment.

3) Dr. Boswell will provide you with her fee schedule including a specific fee range for the surgery scheduled. This fee is a flat rate that includes the office call (if done on the same day), the surgery, and surgical supplies. She can also provide a form to help you generate an estimate for your client that includes your charges, to be presented to the client prior to surgery; please contact her so she can send this form to you. If you do not have a standard consent form for the client to sign before the surgery, please contact Dr. Boswell so she can provide one. This should be kept as part of the medical record.

4) Preoperative bloodwork\* as well as radiographs should be performed and evaluated by the attending veterinarian before your patient's appointment with Dr. Boswell whenever possible.

5) Dr. Boswell will supply all needed surgical equipment and surgical supplies, including gown/gloves, bandage material and suction if necessary. Your hospital will provide induction and maintenance anesthetic agents, post-op analgesics, and medications (analgesics as well as antibiotics) to go home. Dr. Boswell will provide intra-op cefazolin as well as bupivacaine when needed. Your hospital will also provide the support staff necessary for any pre-op work (including IV catheter placement), monitoring during anesthesia, surgery support, and recovery. Dr. Boswell will try to identify any unusual cases which might require an additional support staff

