## 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 email at surgeon@animalsurgicalcaremi.com) to discuss the case. Once an appropriate surgery is agreed upon, an appointment will be set up to 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. You 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

member (such as a sterile assistant to scrub in) ahead of time, though this would be rare. Animal Surgical Care does not provide support staff at this time.

6) Immediately after surgery, Dr. Boswell will contact the owner to apprise them of any surgical findings and to give them an update on their pet's recovery. She will provide your hospital with a copy of the medical record and recommended discharge instructions detailing post-op care and recovery for your patient.

7) Following surgery, your staff will be responsible for the patient's recovery and discharge. It is up to the discretion of your hospital and the client if you would like to leave the pet hospitalized in your care overnight. Dr. Boswell will be happy to give advice on recommended analgesics or other treatments. She will also be available via phone to either your staff or the client during the recovery period if there are any concerns.

8) Follow-up/recheck appointments will be scheduled with you at your hospital. Dr. Boswell will be available by phone or e-mail to discuss any cases or address any concerns you may have. She will also recheck the patient in person if deemed necessary (first recheck no charge).

Surgery fee schedule available upon request

* Recommended bloodwork:	every patient—mini chemistry profile, PCV/TS
	Ill or older patients—CBC, full chemistry profile, electrolytes
Required bloodwork:	patients < 5 years old—PCV/TS
	5 years and older — mini chemistry profile, PCV/TS

Radiographs—please discuss with Dr. Boswell. Every dog scheduled for a cranial cruciate ligament surgery should have a lateral stifle and ideally a VD pelvis as well. Thoracic radiographs will also be recommended or required for trauma patients and those with suspected neoplasia.

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