



### ***Initial Exam Checklist***

- o Obtain CBC & Chemistry at the time of initial physical examination.
- o Lateral and AP Radiograph of the affected stifle (including tibia and hock) and VD Pelvis.  
Follow guidelines on the radiology handout.
- o Check overall skin condition and evaluate for infection.

Please shave a large square 360 degrees around the affected knee. Please use clean clipper blades.

**If skin infection or active pustules noted around knee or any where else on the body please treat with antibiotics for at least a week.**

***Please recheck the skin prior to booking surgery.***

Please recheck all cases 10 to 14 days prior to the scheduled surgery date.

- o To schedule a surgery date, please submit records through the Refer a Case buttons on our website - <https://palmettoveterinaryspecialist.com/>

Click on the Refer a Case button anywhere on our home page. Fill out the referral form, upload radiographs, records and bloodwork and submit.

Offered dates are on a soft hold for 24 hours from the date on the initial email.

- o Confirm date with owner and PVS.
- o We will send email to confirm appointment at the time of booking and 1 week prior to surgery.



## **Surgery Day Checklist**

### **Patient Intake Checklist:**

- o Last time any medications were given
- o PVS Surgical Consent Form filled out with procedure, side and signed by owner
- o Confirm the surgery to be performed & surgical site(s)
- o Confirm the owner's telephone #

### **Pre-Op Checklist:**

- o Clean OR: *prior to our arrival or the night before*
- o Wipe down/dust all surfaces & overhead lights
- o Sweep/Mop floors & under the surgery table
- o IV Catheter placed
- o Leak check & set up anesthetic machine(s)
- o Leak check ET tubes
- o Vacuum or lint roller
- o 1 roll of tape, 1"
- o IV pole
- o Heat support for patient
- o Administer Cerenia
- o Draw up Pre-meds, induction agent, pre/post-op IV Cefazolin, NSAID & analgesics
- o ***Do not administer premeds prior to our arrival***

### **OR Checklist:**

- o Leak check & set up anesthetic machine(s)
- o New bag of IV Fluids & IV pump
- o Heat support for patient
- o 4 large Towels
- o 60 cc syringe/18ga needle

### **Post-Op Checklist:**

- o Post-op radiographs
- o Set up recovery kennel
- o Heat support for patient
- o E-collar
- o Post-op drugs