

# SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together this packet to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorization/Estimate Form**— which allows you to choose optional services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day.

**Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.**

The night before your pet's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 9:00pm.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, Withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

Our veterinary team will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. Our technician will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery.

If any questions arise, the doctor or team may contact you at the number on the Authorization Form.

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and the veterinary technician will go over all discharge orders verbally. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more time.

We hope surgery day will be a pleasant experience. Remember, our team knows surgery can be an anxious time and we are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and years to come.

# PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination.

We also sometimes require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets' undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a pre-anesthetic profile thus not allowing for the most appropriate and safest anesthetic regime to be administered. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests may be useful if your pet's health changes to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

*\*State of the art equipment enables us to perform the pre-anesthetic blood profile at our hospital and we are committed to making this technology available to our patients.*

If the patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, a FULL senior profile will be done the day of the procedure.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and blood work done prior to any surgical procedure allows us to best minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize patient safety.

If you have any questions or hesitations about the scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to call us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

CLIENT INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications/injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

**For short procedures**, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

**For most procedures**, your pet is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

**For procedures that require minimum sedation**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Isoflurane, which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways. Another advantage to Isoflurane is a quick induction using a mask verses using injectable anesthetics that require metabolism from the body.

**Monitoring & Pain Management**-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, core and rectal temperature.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

## Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We place an IV catheter for all anesthetic procedures and use IV fluids on select patients. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

## Potential Surgical Complications

### 1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Recurrent Heat 4. Urinary Incontinence 5. Weight Gain 6. Suture Reactions

### 2. Canine and Feline Alter

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Testicular Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)

### 3. Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness 4. Regrowth of Nail

### 4. Tumor/Lump Removal

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.**

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**Authorization for Anesthetic Procedure(s) and/or Surgery**

Client's Name:

Pet's Name:

Anesthetic and medical or surgical procedure(s) to be performed:

I, the undersigned owner or agent of the owner of the pet identified above, certify that I am \_\_\_\_ I am not \_\_\_\_ (check one) eighteen years of age or over and authorize the veterinarian(s) at this practice to perform the above procedure(s). I understand that some risks always exist with anesthesia and/or surgery and that I am encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about those risks with the attending veterinarian before the procedure(s) is/are initiated. My signature on this form indicates that any questions I have regarding the following issues have been answered to my satisfaction:

The reasonable medical and/or surgical treatment options for my pet

Sufficient details of the procedures to understand what will be performed

How fully my pet will recover and how long it will take

The most common and serious complications

The length and type of follow-up care and home restraint required

The estimate of the fees for all services

Any necessary payment arrangements

While I accept that all procedures will be performed to the best of the abilities of the staff at this hospital, I understand that veterinary medicine is not an exact science and that no guarantee or warranty has been made regarding the results that may be achieved. I agree to pay a deposit of 0.00 % of the estimated fees, assume financial responsibility for the remaining fees, and provide payment via cash, credit card, or check at the time my pet is discharged from the hospital. Should unexpected life-saving emergency care be required and the hospital staff is unable to reach me, the staff has \_\_\_\_ does not have \_\_\_\_ (check one) my permission to provide such treatment and I agree to pay for such services.

In the event my pet is hospitalized beyond the first day at this facility, I understand that veterinary care during nighttime hours and/or weekends is provided at the discretion of the attending veterinarian. Continuous presence of personnel may not be provided during these hours. If I desire that my pet have supervision when this facility is closed, I elect to

- a) pick up my pet and provide such care in my home, in which case I accept all risks of adverse effects or.

b) have him/her transferred to a local emergency clinic where overnight veterinary supervision is available at my expense (initial one).

I accept that veterinary medicine is an inexact science and that no guarantee of successful treatment has been made. I have read and understand the nature of the above procedures and give my consent to proceed.

Phone number(s) for today

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date