

# SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for a surgery in the near future. We have put together this packet to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

In addition to this letter, you will find that the following information has been enclosed:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)

Please read all the enclosed information carefully.. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we also will require that you review and sign an **Authorization/Estimate Form and Anesthesia /Surgery Consent Form**

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 8:00pm.**
- **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. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of procedure and may not have an appointment until later. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns.

Our Animal health Technologist will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. All blood samples and tests required prior to surgery will be performed and you will be notified if any concerns are identified.

If any questions arise, the doctor 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 performed . At that time, we will be able to give you an idea as to when your pet will be able to be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, we will go over all discharge instructions with you and give you a written copy of the instructions. If you do not understand any of the instructions, please do not hesitate to ask us to go over them again

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 for years to come.

# PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

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 require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. The type of pre-anesthetic blood testing your pet will require will depend on their age and general health status.

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.

For Feline Patients we also recommend a **FeLV/FIV Test**. We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients at least once in their lives because Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids) are viruses for which no cure exists. If your pet ever goes outside or has any potential contact with other cats we recommend administering the Feline Leukemia vaccine as well. Please ask questions if you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids.

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.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

## 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. This allows us to have precise control over anesthetic depth.

**Monitoring & Pain Management**-Monitoring of patients is performed continuously during anesthesia. A Registered Animal Health Technologist or Veterinary Nurse is with your pet from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. We also have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, carbon dioxide levels, respiration, ECG, and body temperature.

Our hospital 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 to take 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

At our hospital an IV catheter is placed for all patients undergoing general anesthesia. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. IV fluids help to 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 Neuter

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

### 3. Tumor/Lump Removal 4. Dental with Extraction of teeth

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 precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.**

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