

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist you, 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 on the Day of Surgery**)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (**Bring in on the Day of Surgery**)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

The night before your pet's surgery...

- Withhold all food, water and treats after 9:00pm.
- If you are currently administering any oral medications or vitamins, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.

On your pets' surgery day...

- You will drop-off your pet between 8:30 – 9am (unless other arrangements have been made in-advance.)
- New Clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit before the procedure.
- We require you to review and sign: 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 or additional charges due to services preformed during surgery*)
- At the time of drop off, our staff will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed forms.
- Our veterinary staff will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. If a blood test is needed, our staff will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery.

After the surgery...

- We will call or message you to let you know your pet's surgery is done and when your pet may be discharged.
- When you arrive to take your pet home, our receptionist will bill you out and our staff will go over all discharge orders, medications (if needed), etc. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask us to go over them one more time.

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. On occasion your pet's scheduled surgery time may be delayed due to emergencies. We appreciate your understanding in these situations.

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.

Pet's Name _____ Client Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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 highly recommend and sometimes require that a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize our patient's 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.*

The Authorization Form you will sign on your pet's surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work. *(In some cases this may be required or the procedure Will NOT be preformed)*

The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile which includes:

- CBC: PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- Profile: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).

If you elect to Decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but request that we proceed with the procedure, this will be indicated by NOT checking the optional procedures.

You may notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have select tests that give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the patients are in their senior years (above 5 years old) or are sick, the FULL Comprehensive profile may be required on the day of the procedure.

On the Feline Patient Authorization Form, our feline owners will see a FeLV/FIV Test option. We highly recommend this test be preformed 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 goes outside, 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 can be 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.

_____ Yes, **I authorize** the Blood Work Indicated on the Estimate.

_____ **I Decline** the recommended Blood Work.

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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. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways.

Monitoring & Pain Management:

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways.

- 1. Our staff is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery.
- 2. We have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration and other vitals.

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 use the placement of an IV catheter and use IV fluids during most anesthetic procedures. 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

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. Some of these complications may include: Bleeding, Infection, Suture Reactions, Swelling, etc.

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.

We are not a 24-Hour Facility: *In the event that your pet needs to be hospitalized overnight, pets are not monitored during overnight hours. Emergencies rarely occur after hours, however, should one occur, most likely your pet will receive treatment the next morning. If we feel your pet is not stable enough to be discharged to your care or stay overnight at our facility – we will recommend your pet be transferred to a local 24-Hour Facility. If you have questions or concerns, please discuss this with our Dr. prior to an procedure.*

Initials _____

Pet's Name _____ Client Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____