

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 Form**— which allows you to choose optional services.

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

Check in for surgeries is between 7:30-8:30 am. Please be prepared to spend 15-30 minutes going over surgical questions with a surgery tech and the doctor, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a presurgical exam the morning of the procedure. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed forms.

Our surgery tech will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. At this time, your pet will be pre-sedated and if you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, our techs will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery.

Once your pet is in recovery, we will call and inform you how everything went. We request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and the surgery tech will go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy. 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 for 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 pre-surgical examination.

We also highly recommend and sometimes require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. This can be done on a day prior to surgery, or on the actual day of surgery.

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 and these tests may be useful in detecting changes in your pet's health so we can provide 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.

1. **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).

2. **Owner Elects to Decline** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but requests that we proceed with the procedure. This is indicated by **NOT** checking the optional procedures.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done the day of the procedure at the owner's request.

On the **Feline Patient Authorization Form**, our feline owners will see a **FelLV/FIV Test** option. 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 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 are scary for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable as possible 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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Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of injectable pre-anesthetic medications 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 with an injectable anesthesia and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe in order to administer inhalant anesthesia). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

Monitoring & Pain Management-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a surgery tech 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 surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to go home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery. In addition, your pet will also receive an antibiotic injection before surgery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter for all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (bloodstream) in case of an unforeseen emergency. Fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia and will sometimes be required.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Suture Reaction 2. Bleeding 3. Urinary Incontinence 4. Infection 5. Recurrent Heat

2. Canine and Feline Neuter

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

3. Feline Declaw

1. Limping Lameness 2. Bleeding 3. Infection

4. Tumor/Mass Removal

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

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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