

## SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for 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.

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 carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 678-208-2200. On your pets' 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. All clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of procedure. At time of the visit, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**. Please allow 15 minutes for this visit.

Our technician will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. She will then collect all blood samples and perform all scheduled tests prior to surgery.

If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the phone 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. Our technician or receptionist will notify you when your pet is awake from anesthesia. At that time, we will be able to give you an idea of when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and our technician or doctor 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 us 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.

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# 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 and a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** on the day of the surgery 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 and reaction to anesthesia. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. They allow for the safest surgical procedure and anesthetic protocol for your pet, and allow for the greatest chance of a successful recovery.

*\*State of the art equipment enables us to perform the pre-anesthetic blood profile at our hospital.*

The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date may show the following pre-anesthetic blood work.

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

- **CBC:** 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).

2. Basic Wellness or Total Body Function tests.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that give the doctor a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the 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. It includes a more comprehensive Profile, thyroid test, and urinalysis.

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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## **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 most procedures, your pet is anesthetized with the injectable anesthetic 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. It also will provide ongoing anesthetic in a gas form until the procedure is done.

## **Monitoring & Pain Management**

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, our 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, carbon dioxide levels, respiration, ECG, core body temperature, and most importantly, blood pressure.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management for 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.

## **Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids**

We always place an IV catheter prior to surgery and use IV fluids during all 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, prevent dehydration, and allow us to correct blood pressure issues as they occur, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

## **Potential Surgical Complications**

### **1. Canine and Feline Spay**

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

### **2. Canine and Feline Neuter**

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

### **3. Feline Declaw**

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness

### **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.**