

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.

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

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. 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...

- **For healthy dogs/cats with no ongoing medical conditions, withhold all food and treats after 12:00am.**
- **Water may be left down.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, check with the doctor for instructions on administration of morning doses.**

Your pet will be scheduled for a drop off the morning of surgery between 9-10 am, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. All surgical patients are required to have a current vaccinations, heartworm test or Felv/FIV test and physical exam within the past 6 months. For convenience an exam and most vaccinations may be included on the day of a scheduled surgical procedure. At time of drop off, please allow 10-15 minutes for our team to briefly go over the planned procedure, answer any questions/concerns you may have and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

Our veterinary technician will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. The technician will collect all blood samples, required diagnostics tests, place an intravenous catheter, administer sedation as directed by the doctor and ensure your pet's comfort while waiting for their procedure.

If any questions arise, the doctor will 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 review your pet's final treatment plan and collect payment. The veterinary technician 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 things one more time.

We strive to make all clients and pet's surgical procedures as pleasant an experience as possible. Our team realized that surgery can be an anxious time and we are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide your pet's care and the trust you place in us. We look forward to serving you and your pet on their upcoming surgery day and for years to come.

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

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

We also complete **Blood Profile** on all pets' undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The **Blood Profile** helps alert our veterinarian to the presence of possible disease or underlying conditions such as dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a blood 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.

**State of the art equipment enables us to perform blood profiles 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 authorize this blood work.

The **Quantitative Blood Count (QBC)** and **Blood Profile** includes:

- **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Detection of Anemia), Platelet Count (Assist in blood clotting)
- **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP, Cholesterol and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration/Inflammation), and Electrolytes.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above. We have selected optional tests and services you may choose to be completed the day of surgery as well.

We realize surgery and anesthesia can cause anxiety 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 and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Sevoflurane, which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have excellent control over anesthetic depth and it is minimally irritating to the airways.

Monitoring & Pain Management-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways.

First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from anesthetic induction to recovery.

Second, we utilize a veterinary specific vital signs monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, and body temperature. This allows us to recognize and address any problems during a procedure quickly and accurately.

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 will be prescribed for home administration. 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 will place an IV catheter and administer appropriate IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. Fluids administered help provide support to the circulatory system, 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. Incisional dehiscence 6. Suture Reactions 7. Possible adverse drug reactions up to and including death

2. Canine and Feline Castration

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Testicular Swelling 4. Suture Reaction 5. Possible death 6. Incisional dehiscence 7. Possible adverse drug reactions up to and including death

3. Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Chronic Limping/Lameness 4. Regrowth of Nail 5. Possible adverse drug reactions up to and including death

4. Tumor/Lump Removal

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction 5. Incisional dehiscence 6. Possible adverse drug reactions up to and including death

5. Dental Extractions (tooth removal)

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Retained root 4. Fractured Jaw 5. Incisional dehiscence 6. Possible adverse drug reactions up to and including death

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 provide the highest quality care to your pet and take all reasonable precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting us with your pet.