

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:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
2. Surgical Information Sheet

Please read all the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorization/Estimate Form**— which outlines the services that will be provided for your pet on the day of surgery. This form is not included in the packet and will be provided to you at our office prior to admitting your pet for services. We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached on 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 overnight but please take away in the morning**
- **For dog patients, please ensure they receive a brief walk in the morning to allow them to urinate and defecate prior to admission for surgery**
- **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 between 8:15-8:30am on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns, will go over and have you sign all the necessary paperwork.

One of our Registered Veterinary Technicians will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. If you have elected to complete any of the recommended pre-surgical diagnostics, our team will perform all tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Surgical and Anesthetic Consent Form you will complete the morning of surgery.

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 bill you out and an RVT 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.

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.

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. A physical examination will be performed before proceeding with anesthesia.

We also highly recommend and sometimes require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets' undergoing anesthesia 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. 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 for your pet. 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.

The Surgical and Anesthetic Consent Form you will sign on your pet's surgery date at our office will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

1. The **Complete Blood Count (CBC)** and **Chemistry/Electrolytes Profile** which includes:

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

Or

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 selecting NO on the Surgical and Anesthetic Consent Form.

Depending on the age and health status of your pet, such as for senior or sick pets, our doctors may have recommended other types of blood work. These tests are required to be performed prior to the day of surgery.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and patient. 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 contact us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications as well as injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

For most procedures, your pet is initially anesthetized with an 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. Anesthesia is then maintained with a gas anesthetic, Isoflurane, which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways.

For procedures that require minimum sedation, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery.

Monitoring & Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a Registered Veterinary Technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that we use to monitor heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen levels, carbon dioxide levels, respiration rate, 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, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed for home. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We require the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all general anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids also help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

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.