

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. On your pets' surgery day, you review and sign an Authorization Form—which allows you to choose optional services.

You will need to provide a phone number(s) where you can be reached the day of surgery. Following our pre-surgery exam & testing, we may need to contact you. If we are unable to contact you in a timely manner, we may need to postpone the surgery.

The night before your pet's surgery...

- Withhold all food and treats after 10:00pm.
- Water may be left down after this time period.
- If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, contact us the day before surgery, so we can advise you about the need to withhold or administer the morning dose.

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off between 7:30 – 8:00 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 and collect the enclosed/completed Authorization Form.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. If you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, our nurse will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery.

If any questions arise, the doctor will contact you at the number on the Authorization Form.

You will be contacted by text or phone when the procedure is finished. 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 go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy.

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.

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 routinely perform a full physical examination. We also highly recommend 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. 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.

1. The **Complete Blood Count (CBC)** and **Organ Profile** includes:

- **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- **Organ Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration).
- **Heartworm test** (dogs)
- **Feline Leukemia and FIV test** (cats)
- **Intestinal Parasite test**

You have the Option to Decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but request that we proceed with the procedure.

Please let us know if your pet has any pre-existing or current health issues or has ever had any problems with anesthesia in the past.

This is also a good time to do vaccinations, microchip, express anal glands, etc.

Any pets infested with fleas or ticks will be treated at owner's expense.

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.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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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 that 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, 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. Another advantage to Isoflurane is a quick induction using a mask verses using injectable anesthetics that require metabolism from the body.

Monitoring and Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse 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, and core body 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 will be sent home to be administered for a few days.

Surgical Complications

Signs of complications include: bleeding, swelling, discharge, infection, suture reaction.

Please contact us if you observe any of these complications.

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.