

## 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:

- Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing information (initial and bring to surgery appointment)
- Surgical Information Sheet (initial and bring to surgery appointment)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 731-213-2555. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorization Form**, which allows you to choose optional services. This form is not included in this 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 surgery may result in postponement of the surgery.**

The night before your pets' surgery:

- **Withhold all food and treats after midnight**
- **A small amount of water may be left out during this period**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, please check with the office to find out if they should still be given that morning.**

Please make arrangements to drop your pet off **no later than 8:30am on the morning of surgery**. At the time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your pets' procedure and will collect the attached **Information Forms**.

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 samples and tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the **Authorization Form** you will complete on the morning of the surgery.

You are welcome to check on your pets status, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. 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 the veterinary nurse will go over all discharge orders verbally. 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 full physical examination.

We also highly recommend and sometimes require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on 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 kidney or liver disease that could complicate the surgical procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a blood profile, 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 pets' health changes in order to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pets' surgery date at our clinic will offer pre-anesthetic blood work for your approval.

1. The **Complete Blood Count (CBC)** and **Blood Chemistry/Electrolytes** that include:

CBC: Red Blood Cell Count (anemia), White Blood Cell Count (infection), Platelet Count (ability to clot blood).

Blood Chemistry/Electrolytes: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (sugar), Protein (dehydration), and Electrolytes (sodium and potassium imbalance).

2. If you as the owner choose to **decline** this blood work, our veterinary nurse will need to be informed and you will need to **decline** this option on the **Authorization Form**.

3. For our **feline patients** you will be given the option of performing a **FeLV/FIV Test**. We recommend that this test be done on all feline patients **at least once** in their lifetime because Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline AIDS) are viruses for which no treatment or cure exists. Please ask your veterinary nurse if you would like more information on these viruses.

We realize that surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and the 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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## **SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM**

**Please Read Carefully**

### **Anesthetic Procedures and Risks**

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

**For most procedures**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery. Anesthesia is maintained with Isoflurane, an inhaled gas anesthetic agent. Isoflurane may be delivered to your pet by way of a mask, or in some cases your pet may be intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe), which allows us to control the level of anesthesia to maximize both sedation and safety.

### **Monitoring and Pain Management**

Monitoring of patients under anesthesia is done in two ways. A veterinary nurse assists our surgeon and monitors your pets' vital signs while under anesthesia. We also have available electronic monitors to assist us in insuring a safe procedure for your pet.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality medical care for our patients. As a result, patients will receive pain medication in hospital if deemed necessary by our doctor, and we will highly recommend pain medication be dispensed to be given at home during recovery. Our veterinary nurse will relay information on medication to be given at home at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in your pets' recovery.

### **Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids**

During specific procedures, we will recommend the placement of an IV Catheter and use of IV fluids during the surgery. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency.

### **Post Surgical Complications**

#### **1. Canine and Feline Spays**

Bleeding / Infection / Suture Reactions

#### **2. Canine and Feline Neuters**

Bleeding / Infection / Swelling of the scrotum / Suture Reaction ( Canine only )

#### **3. Feline Declaw**

Bleeding / Infection / Limping or Lameness / Regrowth of Nail

#### **4. Tumor / Lump Removal**

Bleeding / Infection / Swelling and Drainage / Suture Reaction

**It is important for you to understand there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications any time 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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