

# SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

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 (Initial and bring in day of surgery)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (Initial and bring in day of surgery)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (920)-892-4225. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to bring a signed authorization and estimate 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 the day of surgery.

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 9:00 p.m.**
- **Water may be left out, but please pick it up in the morning.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless other wise instructed by the doctor.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of the scheduled surgery between 6 and 7 a.m., 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 information forms.

Our veterinary technician 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 veterinary technician will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery. The doctor will review the blood test results prior to your pet being given any anesthesia. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the authorization 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. A veterinary technician will call you when your pet is in recovery and we will set up a time for you to come in and take your pet home. When you arrive, the receptionist will take care of payment and 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 review any part of the discharge instructions.

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 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 all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The pre-anesthetic blood profile helps alert the doctor 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.

The authorization form you will sign on your pet's surgery date at our office will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which includes:
  - a. **QBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) and Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
  - b. **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance)
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 by **NOT** checking the optional procedures.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the patients are in their senior years or are sick, additional bloodwork and tests can be done prior to the day of the procedure at the owner's request or doctor's recommendation.

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 use 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 as at (920)-892-4225

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## Anesthetic Procedure and 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 in to the lungs.

**For procedures that require minimum sedation**, different protocols will be used according to procedure requirements.

## Intravenous Catheterization and Fluids

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of 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 and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

## Monitoring and Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. The first; a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Veterinary technicians are constantly monitoring trends to best see problems before they occur to avoid complications. The second; we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, 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 use. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this medication will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

## Potential Surgical Complications

Please feel free to discuss any of these with your doctor prior to your scheduled surgery.

1. Canine and Feline Spay
  - a. Bleeding, infection, recurrent heat, urinary incontinence, weight gain, and suture reactions.
2. Canine and Feline Castration
  - a. Bleeding, infection, testicular swelling, and suture reaction.
3. Feline Declaw
  - a. Bleeding, infection, limping, lameness, and regrowth of nail.
4. Tumor/Mass Removal
  - a. Bleeding, infection, swelling and drainage, and suture reaction.

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime a procedure is 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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