



## SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for surgery in the near future. In our attempt to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible, we have put together this information packet. Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the clinic.

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

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

**Please initial and bring both completed forms when you drop your pet off for surgery**

At the time you drop your pet off for surgery, we require you review and sign an **Authorization Form** – which allows you to choose optional services. This form will be provided at our office prior to admitting your pet for services.

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off before 4:30pm the day before surgery is scheduled, 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 team will settle your pet into our boarding facility until it is time for their surgery. The day of surgery, our veterinary technicians will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number you provided on the **Authorization Form** you will complete at the time of drop-off.

We will give you a call when your pet's surgical procedure is complete. At this time, we will give you an idea of when your pet will be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, a member of our team will bill you out and go over all discharge instructions verbally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any instruction, 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.

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## PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION

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Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before surgery, we perform a full physical examination, which includes a pre-anesthetic blood profile on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps alert our doctors to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, liver and/or kidney liver disease and other potential health threats that could complicate scheduled procedure and allow for the safest anesthetic regimen to be used. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests provide a baseline that may be useful if your pet's health changes, allowing us to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

The Authorization Form you will sign on your pet's surgery date at our office will include the pre-anesthetic blood work as well as other optional tests. We have selected routine tests that give the doctors an overview of your pet's health.

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile (required):
  - a. For patients **less than 6 years** old: liver and kidney screen
  - b. For patients **greater than 6 years** old: liver, kidney, and pancreas screen, glucose, protein, calcium
2. Canine Heartworm Screen (required if greater than 1 year old)
3. Feline Leukemia and Immunodeficiency Virus Screen
  - a. Feline patients should have a FeLV/FIV test be performed at least once in their life. No cure exists for FeLV or FIV and knowing their infection status will help the doctors develop an appropriate health management plan for your feline friend.

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.

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### Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet. In some cases, a local anesthetic may also be used at the surgical site.

*For short procedures*, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

*For most procedures*, your pet is anesthetized with an injectable anesthetic and then intubated. This ensures that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and protects their airway from aspiration of fluids into the lungs. Complimentary anesthesia is maintained using Isoflurane - a gas anesthetic which is not metabolized by the body but cleared from the body during exhalation. This allows us more control over anesthetic depth and duration.

### Monitoring & Pain Management

All surgical patients are monitored continuously during anesthesia. A member of the veterinary team is with your pet from anesthetic induction to recovery. We also utilize a computerized monitor which records an ECG, heart rate, pulse, oxygen level, respiration rate and temperature so any anomalies can be quickly addressed.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients receive pain management before and after surgery. In most cases, pain medication is prescribed and sent home. Managing pain reduces discomfort and aids in a quicker recovery from surgery.

### Intravenous Catheterization & 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 in case of an unforeseen emergency. Fluids help support to the circulatory system, prevent dehydration, and aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia. We will require IV fluids for some procedures.

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed.**

A member of our team will review potential complications and care instructions with you at the time of discharge. We strive to provide the highest quality care for 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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