

# 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:

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

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign a **Surgery Release form**— which allows you to choose optional services. 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 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 12:00am.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off 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.

We 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 technicians will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the **Surgery Release 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 will go over all discharge orders. 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 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 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 veterinarian 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 for the veterinarian to diagnose and treat your pet if its health were to change.

The **Surgical Release 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:

- **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- **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.

For **feline patients**, our feline owners will see an option for a **FeLV/FIV Test**. We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients at least once in their lives because Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids) are viruses for which no cure exists. If your pet goes outside, we recommend administering the Feline Leukemia vaccine as well. Please ask questions if you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids.

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. All 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 don't hesitate to call us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

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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, which is very safe. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth.

**Management**-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate and oxygen levels.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed for at home use. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

**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.**

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**Please allow 5-10 minutes to discuss this completed form at your pets scheduled drop off time**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_ with anesthesia

My pet did **NOT** have any food or water after 12am this morning: \_\_\_\_\_ initials

Is your pet on any **MEDICATION** or **SUPPLEMENTS**? If so, please inform us:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-surgical Bloodwork:** We recommend but do NOT require pre-surgical bloodwork. This alerts us of any possible underlying conditions prior to anesthesia. Bloodwork **is discounted 25%** if performed on the day of surgery.

**Yes**, I want pre-surgical bloodwork  **No**, I decline pre-surgical bloodwork \_\_\_\_\_ initials

**Pre-surgical radiographs:** We recommend but do NOT require pre-surgical radiographs. This alerts us of any possible underlying conditions prior to anesthesia.

**Yes**, I want pre-surgical radiographs  **No**, I decline pre-surgical radiographs \_\_\_\_\_ initials

**Pain Management:** Pain management is recommended but is not required. Medication is available to go home at an additional cost.

**Yes**, I want pain management  **No**, I decline pain management

**Cerenia:** (given pre anesthesia) for prevention of nausea and vomiting

**Yes**, I want Cerenia for anti-vomiting  **No**, I decline Cerenia for anti-vomiting

**Antibiotics:** With most procedures antibiotics will be sent home following surgery: \_\_\_\_\_ initials

**Elizabethan Collar:** To ensure that your pet will not chew or lick open a new surgical site, an E-collar may be required. This will also help prevent re-suturing the surgical site. \_\_\_\_\_ initials

**Misc. Services:** While your pet is under anesthesia, we are able to perform many convenient procedures such as:

Nail trim  Vaccinations  Microchip  Anal Glad Expression

Other; \_\_\_\_\_

I, being responsible for the above animal, have the authority to grant Dr. Reddick and staff my consent to receive treatment, use anesthesia, operate upon or prescribe for my pet as noted above.

**Client Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate:** \_\_\_\_\_