

## SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery. 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**)
3. Surgery Admission Authorization Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us, (708) 479-2811.

- Dogs must be current on their Distemper and Rabies vaccines and has had a **negative** Heartworm test result.
- Cats must be current on Distemper and Rabies vaccines
- Ferrets must be current on Distemper and Rabies vaccines

On your pets' surgery day, we will review your signed **Surgery Admission Authorization Form** which allows you to choose optional services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day.

We may need to contact prior to surgery; **Failure to contact you may result in postponement of the surgery.**

The night before your pet's surgery...

- 🐾 **Withhold all food and treats after 8:00pm.**
- 🐾 **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- 🐾 **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, Withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**

**Surgery Admission check-in is 7:30 a.m.**, unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

When you arrive you will be greeted by a Front Desk Staff member, they will weigh your pet and then escort both of you to an exam room to review and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form** and answer any of your questions or concerns you may have.

You will take home your pet's collar and leash or carrier you will did to bring them back later when picking up your pet.

Our veterinary technician will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. The surgeon will do a brief exam and if you have elected any of the recommended blood tests our technician 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 are welcome to check up on your pet's status, however, your pet's surgeon will call you after surgery when your pet is resting comfortably, to let you know how your pet is doing and how the surgery went. At this time, they will let you know when your pet may be discharged. Discharge is usually after 4:00 p.m. same day unless the doctor has advised you otherwise. (Declaw surgery is an overnight stay).

**Please bring your pet's leash or carrier to take them home.**

When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will review with you your invoice and check you out, full payment is expected. The surgery release technician will go over all discharge orders and give you a written copy. *If you do not understand any of the at home instructions, please do not hesitate to ask to go over them again.*

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 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 recommended pre-anesthetic blood work. Microchipping, tissue biopsy and hip radiographs are also offered at the time of surgery.

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** is RECOMMENDED 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. **Biopsy** is RECOMMENDED on tissue removed from warts, skin tags, cysts or other lumps. Samples are sent to an outside lab for a biopsy report.
3. **HomeAgain® Microchip Identification** tranquilization is not necessary for this procedure, but is recommended.
4. **Hip Radiograph** - An x-ray of the hips helps determine issues with the hip and surrounding area. It is used as a baseline to monitor changes such as arthritis and hip dysplasia.

For more information on any of these procedures look on the Services tab

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 pre-anesthetic medications/injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

**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 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.

**For procedures that require minimum sedation**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery. 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 & Pain Management**-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician 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, 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 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.

## Potential Surgical Complications

### 1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Recurrent Heat 4. Urinary Incontinence 5. Weight Gain 6. Suture reactions

### 2. Canine and Feline Neuter

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Testicular Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)

### 3. Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness 4. Regrowth of Nail

### 4. Tumor/Lump Removal

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction

**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 to avoid potential problems.**

**THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING YOUR PET TO US.**

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