

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.

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 an **Authorization/Estimate Form**.

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 9:00pm. If your pet eats ANYTHING the procedure must be cancelled.**
- **Water may be left down all night.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, Withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor. Please inform us of ALL meds the day before the procedure.**

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 and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Authorization Form. Please be available at all times by phone in case we need to contact you regarding your pets needs. 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 and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more time. Surgery pick up time is usually 5:00pm unless advised otherwise.

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.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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 very 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.

Monitoring & Pain Management-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse is monitoring your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration and ECG.

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. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We place an IV catheter and provide 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.

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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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 will perform a full physical examination.

We also complete **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work** on all pets' undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. It is recommended that pets older than 7 years of age will need a more comprehensive blood panel sent out to the laboratory 1 week prior to the procedure.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work** helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** pre-anesthetic blood work 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 a faster, more accurate diagnoses.

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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