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SURGERY/DENTAL & ANESTHESIA 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:

- **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information**
- **Surgical Information**

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**— which allows you to choose optional services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached during the day of surgery.
Failure to be reached at any time on the day of procedure may result in postponement of the procedure.

The night before your pet's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 9:00pm.**
- **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. If your pet is on medications and/or injections, please call and discuss whether or not the doctor would like you to withhold or administer medications the morning of the procedure.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be **dropped off on the morning of the scheduled surgery at 7:30-8:00am**, 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 completed/signed **Anesthesia & Surgical Authorization Forms**.

If any questions or issues arise, the doctor will contact you at the number on the Authorization Form. Please have your phone on you so that our staff can reach you quickly if necessary.

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. Following the procedure, you will get a call from the doctor performing the procedure, at which point you will be given a time when your pet may be discharged. 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.

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

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 regimen 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 pre-anesthetic blood work.

1. **The Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which includes:

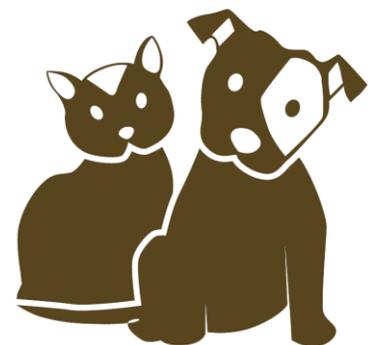
- **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).

2. **Post-operative**

You will notice other tests and procedures 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 (dogs over 7 years old, cats over 10 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done 3 days prior to the day of the procedure.

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.



SURGERY INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Anesthetic Procedures & Risks:

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications/injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve the safest level of anesthesia for your pet.

For short procedures:

An injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces safe and effective 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. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic that is very safe and allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth.

Monitoring & Pain Management:

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse 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, and 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 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 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 by keeping the blood pressure normal and preventing 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 anesthesia and complications anytime a surgical 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.

