

# 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. General Anesthesia Informed Consent Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)
2. Surgical Consent Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)

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 **Informed Consent and Surgery Consent forms**. An estimate will be created upon request.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached the surgery morning.  
**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 800pm.**
- **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.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the evening before the scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. We would like to do an exam and any needed blood work the night before as well as answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Forms**.

If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Authorization Form.

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. Usually after 1 pm is a good time. 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 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.

# Surgery and General Anesthesia

(Informed consent)

Your pet is scheduled for general anesthesia. **General anesthesia** is the induction of a state of unconsciousness with the absence of pain sensation over the entire body, through the administration of anesthetic medications. While necessary to perform the procedure and for the comfort of your pet, general anesthesia, as with the administration of any drug to your pet is not without risk. While modern advancements in anesthetic drugs, techniques and monitoring have greatly increased the safety of anesthesia, veterinary medicine is not an exact science and no guarantee or warranty can be made regarding the results that may be achieved.

Like you, our greatest concern is the wellbeing of your pet. All procedures will be performed to the best of the abilities of the staff at this hospital. **In order to minimize the inherent risks, all patients requiring general anesthesia will receive:**

## **A pre-anesthetic examination\***

**A pre-surgical blood test\*** – This is a mini-profile that checks the general health of the major organs involved with anesthesia metabolism. The **CBC** (complete blood count) checks for evidence of anemia (red cell count) infection (white cell count), and clotting disorders (platelet count). **BUN** and **Creatinine** (Kidney), **ALT** and **Alk Phos** (Liver), **Glucose** (sugar), **Total Protein** (hydration and protein binding capacity).

**Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids** – This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system 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.

**Pain management** - 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.

**Endotracheal intubation** – This is the 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** – Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from the beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG and core body temperature.

## **Body heat maintenance**

**Post-op care** - Our staff of animal loving people are diligent about making sure your pet is comfortable. They are constantly making sure the pet has clean bedding, is recovering as expected, offered food and water ASAP and allowed to get out often to eliminate.

We utilize balanced anesthesia. This technique allows for use of smaller doses of individual anesthetic agents, a smoother induction and recovery, and better pain relief. Our patients are maintained on oxygen and isoflurane gas. **Maintenance on gas anesthesia** allows us to adjust the level of anesthetic administered on a continuous basis. The majority of the gas is just breathed off and doesn't require other organs to be metabolized.

We may not place an IV catheter for procedures that take less time than the catheter placement.

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.

By initialing, I affirm that I have read and understand the above information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
client initials

## Surgery Consent Form

Patient's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surgery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If your pet is pregnant, obese, or in heat, an extra fee will be charged. We will give you a written estimate if requested.

If fleas are found on your pet, we will treat the pet with Capstar, which kills fleas immediately and for 24 hours at a cost you.

### Surgical Procedure

- Ovariohysterectomy (Spay)
- Castration (Neuter)
- Dental Scaling/polishing/fluoride/extraction(s)
  - Please call if extractions are needed.
  - No need to call. Dr. to decide treatment needed
- Onychectomy (Declaw)
  - Front only
  - Front and rear
  - Rear only
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Potential Anesthesia complications** - The risks of anesthesia can vary from mild temporary problems such as nausea and vomiting to permanent debilitating problems such as blindness, kidney failure or even death.

### Potential Surgical Complications

1. **Canine and Feline Spay** 1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Urinary Incontinence 3. Weight Gain 4. Suture Reactions
2. **Canine and Feline Neuter** 1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Scrotal Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)
3. **Feline Declaw** 1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness
4. **Tumor/Lump Removal** 1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction
5. **Orthopedic** 1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture reaction 5. Continued lameness 6. Failure of repair.
6. **Dental prophylaxis** 1. Bleeding 2. Anorexia 3. Infection 4. Delayed healing 5. Chronic Pain 6. Incomplete root extraction 7. fractured mandible

We **tattoo** all spayed female pets on the belly at the time of surgery unless you indicate that you **do not want** your pet tattooed by intalling the following space \_\_\_\_\_

**Presurgical exam and blood testing are required for all pets undergoing anesthesia**

If an examination and blood profile were run within the last 30 days, these procedures will not be repeated or charged for.

Examination \_\_\_\_\_  Needs exam \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date performed

**Pre-surgical health blood profile** \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  Needs health profile \$ \_\_\_\_\_ – this is a mini-profile that checks the general health of the major organs involved with anesthesia metabolism. The **CBC** (complete blood count) checks for evidence of anemia (red cell count) infection (white cell count), and clotting disorders (platelet count). **BUN** and **Creatinine** (Kidney), **ALT** and **Alk Phos** (Liver), **Glucose** (sugar), **Total Protein** (hydration and protein binding capacity).

	Reason	Cost	Accept	Decline
<b>Electrocardiogram</b>	Recent retrospective analysis of preanesthetic ECG's indicated that 1 in 12 dogs & 1 in 8 cats had abnormalities	45.00	_____	_____
<b>DR. RECOMMENDED</b>				

### Other services you may consider while your pet is under Anesthesia

<b>Nail Trim under anesthesia</b>		\$6.00	_____	_____
<b>Microchip Identification</b>	Nationwide permanent I.D.	\$34.00*	_____	_____
*includes lifetime registration in national pet registry database*	According to the American Humane Association, roughly 17% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats ever find their owners.			
<b>Dental Propy add-on</b>	80% of dogs & 70% of cats have periodontal disease by age 3	_____ estimate	_____	_____

**I am aware of the risk and understand the information presented in this surgery form. I give the hospital and staff members permission to proceed with surgery and to perform any and all life- saving procedures should the need arise.**

Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (where we can reach you during surgery) \_\_\_\_\_