

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

If your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery, 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 pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign an Authorization Form— which allows you to choose optional services.

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

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.

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery between 8:00-8:15am, 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.

Our veterinary technician 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 doctor will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery. 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. When you arrive to take your pet home, the veterinary technician will collect payment and 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

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 your pet undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. Bloodwork is required for pets over 7 years old.

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 in the future, 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.

There are 2 options regarding bloodwork. Check out the link [Pre-anesthetic Bloodwork Information](#) which gives more info about each analyte and how it helps us make decisions.

1. **Complete Chemistry Panel and Complete Blood Count (CBC)**
or
2. **Pre-op Panel and Complete Blood Count (CBC)**

| Analytes | ALB | ALP | ALT | AMY | BUN | Ca | Cre | Glob | Glu | K+ | Na+ | Phos | TBIL | TP |
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| Comprehensive Profile | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Prep Profile | | • | • | | • | | • | | • | | | | | • |

Our **feline owners** will see a **FelV/FIV Test** option. 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. 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 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, Isoflurane, which is very safe and only metabolized a small amount by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways.

For short procedures, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

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 monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, and oxygen levels. We also count respirations throughout surgery.

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.

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.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay
 - Bleeding ● Infection ● Recurrent Heat ● Urinary Incontinence ● Weight Gain ● Suture Reactions
2. Canine and Feline Neuter
 - Bleeding ● Infection ● Suture Reaction (Canine Only)
3. Feline Declaw
 - Bleeding ● Infection ● Limping/Lameness
4. Tumor/Lump Removal
 - Bleeding ● Infection ● Swelling and Drainage ● Suture Reaction