

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your cat 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. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
2. Surgical Information Sheet

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your cat'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.

Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.

The night before your cat's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after midnight.**
- **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 cat to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery (between 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.), unless other arrangements have been made in advance. New clients are required to have a presurgical visit prior to the day of surgery. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and complete the **Authorization Form** with you.

Our veterinary tech will escort your cat 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 and/or during 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 cat's status, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your cat's procedure to be done. After surgery, we will be able to give you an idea when your cat may be discharged. When you arrive to take your cat home, the receptionist will bill you out and go over all discharge orders verbally. 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 cat 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 cat. Before putting your cat 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 cats' undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

Even when a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** is not required, it is sometimes advisable to allow us to collect a blood sample while your cat will already be under anesthesia, in order to run a blood profile to let us know where your cat's values stand at this time in his/her life. This can be extremely helpful should your cat become sick later on, or when your cat gets older. Blood work results are always helpful, but they are even more helpful when the doctor has previous blood work to compare the results to.

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 cat'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 cat's surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

Pre-Anesthetic Profile 1

Basic testing, for healthy patients younger than two years old.
Price range: \$50.00-100.00

Pre-Anesthetic Profile 2

Midrange, for healthy patient's age two to seven years.
Price range: \$100.00-\$150.00

Pre-Anesthetic Profile 3

Comprehensive diagnostic, for patients older than seven years or with questionable health status.

If the owner elects to decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at the time but requests that we proceed with the procedure, this will be indicated by **NOT** checking the optional procedures.

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 cat.

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 cat is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your cat 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 tech is with your cat continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, and core 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 if the doctor deems it necessary. 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 sometimes recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during an anesthetic procedure. 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.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Feline Spay

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

2. 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 you allow to avoid potential problems.

Thank you for entrusting your cat to us.