



## SURGICAL PACKET

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery. 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 Work (**Initial and bring in day of surgery**)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (**Initial and 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 a **Consent Form** and **Estimate**— which allows you to choose optional services. This form is not included in the packet and will be provided to you at our office prior to admitting your pet for services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached on 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 10:00pm.**
- **Water may be left overnight, but picked up in the morning (once you wake up).**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the staff.**
- **It is very important to walk your pet before you come for drop-off. Your pet should evacuate their bowels and bladder before they arrive.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit and may not have a surgical appointment until later. At the time of drop off, Our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed forms. You may leave your pet's collar/leash/carrier with us, this way it is not accidentally left at home when you pick them up.

Our surgical nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. If needed the nurse will collect all blood samples and completed the pre-anesthetic blood work prior to surgery. If any questions or concerns arise, the doctor may contact you at the number you provide the morning of surgery.

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status, we will call you once the procedure is done and your pet is recovering. At this time, we will be able to give you time for pick up. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will check 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 let us know.

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.

To help reduce the stress of being away from home, the staff will provide your pet with tender love and care. We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and years to come.



## PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD WORK 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 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 preanesthetic 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, we require your pet to be up to date on their core preventative care (Heartworm testing, FeLV/FIV testing, and vaccinations (as indicated by the doctor).

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Panel** will include the following-

1. **The Complete Blood Count (CBC)** includes:

- **CBC:** White Blood Cell Count, Red Blood Cell Count, and Platelet Count (anemia, hydration status, clotting/bleeding disorder, anemia)

1. **Internal Organ Function (Chemistry)** includes:

- **Critical Care Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (kidney), ALT (liver), Glucose (blood sugar), and Electrolytes.

There are more comprehensive panels that we may do in lieu of the above panels. This is decided based on your pet's age, type of procedure, and chronic/acute problems.

We realize anesthesia is scary for the owner and patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable for everyone. The physical examination and blood work done prior to any surgical procedure allows us to best minimize anesthetic 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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## **SURGICAL INFORMATION SHEET**

*Below is an explanation of various items you may see on your estimate.*

### **Pre-Anesthetic Exam and Bloodwork**

This includes a comprehensive exam by the doctor and licensed technician/nurse, a small blood panel to evaluate internal organ function, complete blood counts, and electrolytes. This is required for all pets undergoing anesthetic procedures.

### **Anesthesia**

Pre-anesthetic sedatives and pain management, anesthetic induction, intubation, oxygen, and anesthetic gas delivery.

### **Anesthetic Monitoring**

Patients are monitored before, during, and after the procedure. This includes electrocardiogram, blood oxygen concentration, temperature, blood pressure, and respiration.

### **Surgical Procedure/Fee**

This is the cost of the surgical procedure and may include the recheck exam/suture removal for basic surgeries, if needed. Recheck appointments where you have concerns or the pet needs additional care, will have a recheck exam cost.

### **Intravenous Catheter and Fluid Therapy**

An IV catheter allows access to a vein in the case of an emergency. IV fluid therapy supports an adequate blood pressure, electrolyte balance, and helps prevent dehydration post-surgery.

### **Medications Post- Surgery**

This is an approximate cost for medications to go home after the surgical procedure. This may include pain medications, antibiotics, antiemetics, sedatives, etc.

### **Pathology Service**

It is recommended that all tumors, masses, and foreign bodies be submitted to a pathologist for analysis. It is crucial to have a diagnosis to help determine prognosis, treatment options, recurrence, and excision margins. A typical histopathology takes ~10 days to process.

### **Microchipping and Registration**

We recommend that all pets be microchipped to provide a permanent identification. The ideal time to consider this is during an anesthetic procedure. This includes lifetime registration.

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We will take all the precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. We take great pride in the care we provide to each surgical patient from beginning to end; with most up to date equipment, knowledge and training. Feel free to discuss your pet's care with us at any time.

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