

## KINDNESS ANIMAL HOSPITAL SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for a surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together this packet to make the surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible. In addition to this letter, you will find the following information has been enclosed:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing information form: Please bring in the day of surgery
2. Surgical Information Sheet: Please bring in the day of surgery.

Please read carefully all of the enclosed information. If you have any question, please feel free to call us. On your pet's surgery day, we will require you to review and sign a consent form which will allow you to select the optional services.

We require phone number(s) at which you can be reached throughout the surgery day. Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the procedure.

The night before your pet's surgery....

- Withhold all food and treats after 9:00 PM
- Water may be left available until leaving to bring your pet to the hospital.
- If your pet is on medications, please give them in the morning unless otherwise instructed by the doctor. If your pet will be in the hospital overnight please bring all medications with so we can administer them while here at the hospital.

Please bring your pet in between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM the morning of the scheduled surgery unless other arrangements have been made. At the time of drop off, we will have you review and sign a surgical consent form and answer any questions you may have. We may also schedule a discharge appointment with the doctor to discuss the procedure and aftercare instructions with you.

You are welcome to call and check on your pet's status however we ask that you call after noon to allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be completed and recover from the anesthesia. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea as to when your pet will be ready for discharge.

When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and go over the discharge instructions with you. We will also give you a written copy of the discharge instructions. If you do not understand any part of the instructions, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. Also, let us know if you have any specific questions for the doctor.

We hope surgery 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 for years to come.

## PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

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 pets undergoing anesthesia. This helps us to ensure that anesthesia is a low risk procedure and to tailor a specific anesthetic protocol for your pet.

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps to alert the veterinarian to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, or other factors that could increase the risk of complications. Many times, these conditions may not be detected without doing the tests. These tests are very similar to those that your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. These tests also help to establish a baseline value for your pet and may be very useful if your pet's health changes to develop faster and more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

The surgical consent form will offer the pre-anesthetic blood testing and you will have 2 options to choose from:

1. Authorize the pre-anesthetic blood profile which includes the following:
  - Complete blood count helps us to detect anemia, infection, and low platelet counts which may lead to excessive bleeding
  - Chemistry Profile is tests that are run to evaluate major organ function. The minimum tests we do are a kidney test and a liver test along with electrolytes but as animals get older we run more tests such as additional kidney and liver tests along with blood sugar, blood protein levels, and more.
  - Feline Leukemia/Feline Immunodeficiency virus testing is recommended to be run at least once on all cats. Cats that are infected with either of these viruses will eventually get sick and die as there is no cure. If your cat goes outside we also recommend vaccinating for Feline Leukemia Virus.
2. Decline the pre-anesthetic blood testing by checking the do not want the testing box which authorizes us to proceed without performing the tests.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make the surgery day safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and blood tests done prior to anesthesia and surgery allows us to minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and to maximize patient safety. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or hesitations about the scheduled procedure.

Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

# SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

Please read carefully.

## Anesthetic Procedures and Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications and inhalant anesthetics in most patients to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet. All anesthetic procedures do have some risk associated with them but rest assured that we will always do our absolute best to provide a comfortable safe procedure for your pet. All pets are intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea) which ensures that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and also prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

## Patient Monitoring

All patients are monitored during the anesthetic procedure in two ways. First, one of our veterinary technicians is with your pet continuously from the beginning of anesthesia through recovery. Second, we have your pet connected to computerized monitor that provides us with heart rate, oxygen levels, respiration levels, and blood pressure. We also are able to monitor ECG and body temperature.

## Pain Management

Our hospital strongly believes in compassionate high quality medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive appropriate pain management before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to administer at home. We know this protocol will reduce the level of discomfort experienced by your pet and aid in a quicker recovery.

## Intravenous Catheterization and Fluids

For prolonged procedures, we always place an intravenous catheter and administer fluids. Although we do not routinely do this on shorter elective procedures, we do offer it as an option. This allows us to have a quick and 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

All surgical procedures have potential for complications. These include but are not limited to infection, bleeding, swelling and discharge, and suture reactions. It is important for you to understand that there is always risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime procedures are performed. We always strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and to take the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_