



Animal Medical Center

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:

- Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
- Surgical Information Sheet
- Surgical Consent Form (**Bring the day of surgery**)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign a **Surgical Consent 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 pet'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 veterinarian**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery, 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 **Surgical Consent Form**.

Our veterinary nurse 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 nurse will collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery.

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

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING 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 highly recommend and sometimes require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** and a **Pre-operative Cardiovascular Screen** 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 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 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 **Surgical Consent Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic testing.

1. **The Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which includes:

- **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), and Total Protein (Dehydration),

2. **Cardiovascular Screening** which includes an EKG to look for irregular heart rhythms and a blood pressure check.

3. **FeLV/FIV:** (Feline Leukemia Virus / Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) for our feline patients.

4. If your pet is over 5 years of age or sick, we may recommend a comprehensive geriatric profile prior to surgery. Please ask for details.

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 preanesthetic testing 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.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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

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 administered through the tube which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth as well.

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 computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, EKG, and rectal 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. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed for home use. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization

A small area is shaved on the patient's forearm and an IV catheter is placed before anesthesia is administered. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. In some cases IV fluids are administered to provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding
2. Infection
3. Urinary Incontinence
4. Weight Gain
5. Suture Reaction

2. Canine and 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. General Surgery

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 pet to us.



Animal Medical Center Surgical & General Anesthesia Consent

Owner: _____ Patient: _____ Date: _____

Emergency phone numbers: _____

I hereby consent and authorize the doctor(s) at Animal Medical Center to perform the following procedure(s) on the above described patient: _____

- I authorize the use of professionally accepted general anesthesia to perform this procedure or surgery as deemed necessary by the doctor(s). I understand that support personnel will be used as needed by the veterinarian.
- I have been advised of the nature of the above procedures and the risks involved in performing general anesthesia to my pet. **I realize that results cannot be guaranteed.** I understand that most medical and surgical procedures are accompanied by some risks (**including death**), especially when general anesthesia is used.
- If an emergency arises, I give the doctors and support personnel permission to do whatever they deem necessary to handle the emergency. I expect to be notified of any problems as soon as comfortably possible if they arise.
- I have read and understand this authorization and consent. I further understand that I assume full financial responsibility for all services rendered.
- **My pet was not fed after 12:00 midnight (water OK)**

Current medications: _____

Known allergies or sensitivities to medication/ anesthetics. _____

SPAYS: Is your pet here for a spay today? Yes No

If yes, then please read and choose from the following:

- If my pet is found to be "in heat" or if the uterus is found to be abnormal for any reason (recent heat, pregnancy, hormonally altered, infected, etc.) at the time of surgery how do you want us to proceed?

***NOTE: Risks may include but are not limited to the following:

- Extra time to perform the surgery (Longer time under anesthesia)
- Excessive hemorrhage (bleeding) during and possibly after the surgery
- Shock
- Death

- Stop the procedure and close the abdomen immediately upon discovery. I agree to be billed for the surgery as an exploratory. Yes No
- Continue with the surgery and I will assume all risks and extra fees that result from a more difficult procedure. Yes No
- IF I choose to continue the surgery, then I will not hold Animal Medical Center, LLC or the surgeon liable for any unforeseen consequences associated with an "in heat" spay as long as standard of care is met. Yes No

Additional Recommendations (extra fees apply):

A thorough physical exam will be performed prior to anesthesia and a catheter will be placed in the forearm which requires a small shaved area (excluding cat neuters unless requested for an additional cost), but certain conditions cannot be diagnosed without further evaluation.

• **For all patients** we recommend a pre-op cardiovascular screening (Lead II EKG and Blood pressure check, and a pre-op blood chemistry panel.

- Pre-operative cardiovascular screen (Lead II EKG and blood pressure check) Yes No (extra)
- Pre-op blood chemistry panel (CBC & Chem 10) prior to anesthesia Yes No (extra)
- FeLV/FIV testing for cats (if applicable) Yes No (extra)

• **For patients over 5 years of age**, we recommend a full comprehensive workup prior to anesthesia/surgery. This includes a CBC/Chemistry/T4, chest X-rays, a full EKG, blood pressure check and a urinalysis.

- I request a full comprehensive workup as described above for my older pet prior to anesthesia Yes No (extra)
- **Microchip while anesthetized** Yes No (extra)
- **I authorize additional pain medication to be given prior to surgery and for home use to decrease and post-operative pain (Price based upon animal weight)** Yes No (extra)

Owner/agent: _____ Date: _____