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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA FOR YOUR PET

No one likes the thought of their pet undergoing anesthesia or surgery, but there are certain problems that require anesthetic or surgical intervention. Diagnostics, anesthesia, surgical monitoring and surgical techniques have been developed to minimize complications and help provide a safe anesthetic experience.

Pre-surgical bloodwork is required for all sick animals and all animals over 5 years old. It is strongly recommended for all other patients. Our routine pre-surgical screen includes tests for anemia, kidney and liver function, and protein and sugar levels. Other testing may be recommended. Any laboratory abnormalities diagnosed may need to be corrected before the procedure.

We use the same anesthetic drugs used for humans. Surgery is performed with sterile instruments, gloves, gowns and surgical packs, just as it is for humans. Your pet's fur will be clipped at the surgical site, for insertion of an intravenous catheter, and wherever necessary for other procedures.

We really do want you to understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. If you have any questions about our procedures or your pet's condition, please ask. A discharge appointment has been scheduled with you so that the doctor can discuss pertinent findings and home care instructions with you, as well as answer any questions you may have.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) **No food after 8:00pm** the night before the hospital visit.
- 2) **Keep free choice water** available at all times.
- 3) Be sure to tell us about any additional health concerns or problems.
- 4) Exercise your dog the morning of surgery to encourage urination and bowel movements (unless a urine sample is to be collected)

**Date of procedure:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Drop off between 8:00 – 8:30 AM)**

**Discharge appointment:** \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT TO SURGERY, ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHETICS,  
AND THE RENDERING OF OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize and direct Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ or his/her associates to perform the following procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

on my pet: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or any other therapeutic procedure deemed medically necessary.

- Any necessary dental extractions may be done without calling.
- Call before doing any necessary dental extractions.
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YES I want ( NO I do not want) an optional pre-surgical screen at a cost of \_\_\_\_\_.

Call after surgery? \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner or Authorized Individual

Emergency Telephone #

Date