**SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET**

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery in the near future. To assist our 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 of the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pet’s surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorization Form/Treatment Plan** which allows you to choose optional 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**.

On the night before your pet’s surgery…

* **Withhold all food and treats after 9:00PM**
* **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 pet to be admitted 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 on the morning of procedure and may not have an appointment until later. At the time of admit, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and have you complete an **Authorization Form**.

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

If any questions arise, the doctor may need to contact you at the phone number provided on the Authorization 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, our receptionist will bill you out and our veterinary technician will go over all discharge orders verbally and provide you with a written copy. If you are unclear or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask them to review the instructions one more time until you are comfortable.

We want your surgery day to be a positive experience! Remember, our team knows that a surgery can be an anxious time and we are always available to answer any questions concerning your pet’s 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**

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** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** helps to alert our surgeon of any 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 **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet’s surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

1. The **Quantitative Blood Count (QBC)** and **Pre-Anesthetic Profile** includes:

* **CBC**: PCV (anemia), white blood cell count (infection) and red blood cell count (anemia/bleeding disorder), platelet count (clotting disorder)
* **Profile**: BUN and creatinine (kidney), ALKP and ALT (liver), glucose (sugar), total protein (dehydration) and electrolytes (imbalance)

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the patients are in their senior years (above 5 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done the day of the procedure at the owner’s request. It has been included in the high amount estimate.

On the **Feline Patient Authorization Form**, our feline owners will see a **FeLV/FIV Test** option. We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients at least once in their lives because Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline AIDS) are viruses for which no cure exists. If your pet goes outside, we recommend administering the Feline Leukemia vaccine as well. Please ask questions if you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS.

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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