

JEFFERSON VETERINARY HOSPITAL

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for 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. The following information has been enclosed:

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
3. Surgical Release Form

We encourage you to read this information carefully and call us at 585-442-2050 if you have any questions. On your pet's surgery day, we will provide for your review and signature a Surgical & Treatment Consent Form which will have a detailed cost estimate attached. We also will need a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day so we can discuss the results of the procedure and, occasionally, progress during surgery.

The night before your pet's surgery:

- Withhold all food and treats after 9:00pm.
- Some 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 dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. Please be prepared to spend around 10-15 minutes with our front desk at the time of drop off. At this time our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the Surgical & Treatment Consent Form.

Our technician will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. She will then collect all blood samples and perform all scheduled tests prior to surgery.

If any questions arise, the doctor or technician may contact you at the phone 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. Our technician or receptionist will notify you when your pet is awake from anesthesia. At that time, we will be able to give you an idea of when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and a person from our medical staff will go over all discharge orders orally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask us 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. We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and for years to come.

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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 if one has not been performed within the previous few weeks.

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 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.

Our current laboratory 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 Release Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date will offer the following pre-anesthetic blood work:

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) 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), Total Protein (Dehydration)
2. **Owner Elects to Decline** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but requests that we proceed with the procedure.

If the patient is in the senior years (generally above 7 years old), the FULL senior profile may be recommended on the day of the procedure; this includes a more comprehensive Profile, thyroid test, and urinalysis. In addition, other tests may be recommended by the doctor if your pet is sick and has more risk of complications from surgery.

Our feline owners will see a **Feline Combo 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 feline 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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SURGICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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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 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, Isoflurane.

For procedures that require minimum sedation, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery.

Monitoring & Pain Management - Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician 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, ECG, and 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 home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. **This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency.** The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent decompensation, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia. We understand there are concerns with costs of procedures and so we allow you to decline this at during the procedure. By declining you are electing us to proceed with the procedure without placing an IV catheter.

Microchip Permanent I.D. Implant

A microchip is a permanent ID that links your pet to you and is much more reliable than a collar or a tag because there is no chance it will fall off. The chipscan can be implanted at any time, but doing so while your pet is already anesthetized makes it convenient and totally pain free and provides you with the peace of mind that you've given your pet the permanent, lifetime ID he/she needs for the best chance to come home.

Potential Surgical Complications:

Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Recurrent Heat 4. Urinary Incontinence 5. Weight Gain 6. Suture Reactions

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Canine and Feline Neuter

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Scrotal Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)

Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness 4. Re-growth of Nail

Tumor/Lump Removal

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.

*Risk of these complications can be greatly reduced if you strictly adhere to the guidelines as outlined on the **SURGICAL AFTERCARE SHEET**.

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