

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.

For procedures that require minimum sedation, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with a quick recovery. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Sevoflurane, which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways. Another advantage to Sevoflurane is a quick induction using a mask verses using injectable anesthetics that require metabolism from the body.

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, core and rectal temperature.

Our hospital 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. It is **required** on all pets over the age of 7. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

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 with us.

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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 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 (Bring in Day of Surgery)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (Bring in Day of Surgery)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorized/Estimate Form** – which allows us 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, treats or water after midnight**
- **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 the scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. New clients are required to have a pre surgical visit before the procedure. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

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

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

You are welcome to check 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 provide you with 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 technician or doctor will go over all discharge orders. 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 questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery and the years to come.

All Creatures Great and Small Animal Hospital

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Surgical Authorization Form

Date _____ Client _____ Chart # _____

Pet _____ Procedure _____

Emergency Contact Number(s) Circle: Home / Cell /

Work _____

When did your pet have its last full meal?

Are there any problems the doctor should be aware of?

Is your pet on any medication? If yes what?

Has urination and bowel movement been normal? _____ Any frequent vomiting in the last week?

While your pet is under anesthesia, would you like any of the following services to be performed?

* Prices for each will be on estimate.

- Nail Trim
- Express Anal Glands
- Ear Cleaning
- I.D. Microchip
- Teeth Cleaning

Elizabethian Collar

The doctor suggests the use of an Elizabethan collar for at least 10 days after surgery to ensure proper healing of the surgical site. If you wish to decline for any reason, please be aware that you will be held responsible for any additional charges if your pet removes the sutures. There is a **\$15.00** charge for the collar.

- Accept
- Decline

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing

Pre-anesthetic blood work maximizes patient safety by alerting us to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes, kidney and/or liver disease. With this knowledge, we may elect to forego the anesthetic/surgical procedure, modify the anesthetic regimen, or change your pet's medication. While performing blood work cannot guarantee that your pet will not have any problems with the anesthesia or surgical procedure, it can significantly minimize the risk to your pet and give both of us peace of mind. While we strongly recommend running a pre-anesthetic profile for all pets, we do **require** blood work on pets over 7 years of age.

Profile 1: Healthy pets under 7 years of age \$60.00 (Optional)

Includes BUN(kidney), ALKP(liver), Glucose(sugar), Total Protein(hydration/inflammation), ALT(liver), Creatinine (kidney), Complete Blood Count(infection, anemia, and clotting).

Profile 2: Pets 7 years and over/sick patients \$120.00 (Mandatory, unless doctor approves otherwise)

In addition to Profile 1 this profile includes Albumin(protein), Phosphorous(kidney), Calcium(tumors), Total Bilirubin (liver), Amylase(pancreas), and Cholesterol.

- Accept
- Decline

Pain Management

Pain management becomes particularly important after surgeries. When recovering from invasive procedures, animals may not only be in pain, but also weak and disoriented. With your consent, the doctor will give your pet a pain injection after surgery and may also administer medication before, during and/or after the procedure to reduce pain and discomfort. There is a \$30 charge for this injection.

Accept **Decline**

Antibiotic Injection

An antibiotic injection will be administered and on most procedures is required so that your pet does not come down with an infection. Administering an antibiotic injection followed up by oral antibiotics will greatly lessen the chances of an infection. There is a \$30 charge for this injection.

Accept **Decline**

I.V. Catheter and Fluids

An I.V. catheter will be placed before your pet is put under anesthesia and fluids will be administered before, during, and after surgery. The reason for this is so that we have easy access to a vein incase a problem is encountered during surgery and it also helps to keep and maintain your pets blood pressure at a normal rate during surgery. There is a charge of \$40 (Cats), \$50 (Dogs under 50lbs), and \$60 (Dogs over 51 Lbs).

Accept **Decline**

I understand that during the performance of this procedure, unforeseen conditions may be revealed that necessitate an extension or variance in the procedure set above. I expect All Creatures Great and Small Animal Hospital to use reasonable care and judgment in performing the procedure(s) as well as all precautions to be taken against injury, escape or death of the above named animal. I understand the nature of the procedure(s) and risks involved and realize results cannot be guaranteed. I am also aware that unforeseen events resulting from the procedure(s) will not relieve me from any costs incurred regarding this animal.

Signature _____

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

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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 alert the surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a pre-anesthetic blood profile thus not allowing 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. While we strongly recommend running a pre-anesthetic profile for all pets, we do **require** blood work on all pets over 7 years of age.

*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.

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profiles include:

- **Profile 1: Healthy Pets under 7 years of age** – includes BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), Electrolytes (Imbalance), and CBC (Infection, Anemia, and Clotting).
- **Profile 2: Pets 7 years and over including sick patients** – in addition to profile 1 includes Albumin (Protein), Phosphorous (Kidney), Calcium (Tumors), Total Bilirubin (Liver), Amylase (Pancreas), and Cholesterol.

Owner Elects to Decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but requests that we proceed with the procedure. This is indicated by checking the **decline** box on the **Authorization Form**.

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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