

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:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information
2. Surgical Information Sheet

Please read carefully all 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**—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, water, and treats after 10:00pm.
- 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. At the time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number 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. Waiting until noon to call is recommended. 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 assistant 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 again.**

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 years to come.

Thank you,

Springfield Veterinary Center

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 physical examination to assess your pet's ability to undergo and recovery from anesthesia.



We also highly recommend and sometimes require that a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. **We require that a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile be performed on pets over 7 years of age.**

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, 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. You will initial to either 1. Authorize Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing and choose and authorize either the Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile or Extended Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile or 2. Decline all Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing.

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile includes:

- PCV (Anemia)
- Chemistry Profile: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration)

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 7 years old) or are sick, the **Extended Pre-Anesthetic Profile** is recommended to minimize risk.

The Extended Pre-Anesthetic Profile includes:

- Complete Blood Count: PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection), Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- Extended Chemistry Profile: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein and Albumin (Dehydration), Electrolytes (Imbalance), Globulin (Inflammation), Total Bilirubin (Liver or Hemolytic Disease), Amylase (Pancreas)

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.

CLIENT SURGICAL INFORMATION

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 will receive a pre-anesthetic injectable medication, followed by an injectable induction agent. Your pet is then 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. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic level.

Monitoring & Pain Management-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary assistant 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. Our pain management program helps to reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We require the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during **extended** 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 dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

Intravenous catheterization and fluids are required for patients ten years of age and older regardless of the procedure.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay: Bleeding, infection, Suture Reactions, Recurrent Heat, Urinary Incontinence
2. Canine and Feline Castration: Bleeding, Infection, Scrotal Swelling, Suture Reaction (Canine Only)
3. Feline Declaw: Bleeding, Infection, Limping/Lameness, Regrowth of Nail
4. Tumor/Lump Removal: Bleeding, Infection, Swelling and Drainage, Suture Reaction

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications, including death, 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.

CLIENT SIGNATURE _____

AUTHORIZATION FORM



Owner: _____
Chart No: n/a
Street: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____

Patient: _____
Breed: _____
Sex: _____
Age: _____
Color: _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the owner (duly authorized agent for the owner) of the animal described above, that I do hereby give Springfield Veterinary Center full and complete authority to perform the surgical procedure described as:

procedure to be performed

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing:

A Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile is recommended for all patients regardless of age.

Springfield Veterinary Center does **require** that at minimum a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile has been performed within 6 months of surgery **for patients 7 years of age or older**

_____ I authorize Springfield Veterinary Center to perform Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing and have chosen the following Profile:

- Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile at an additional charge of \$63.52 _____
- Extended Pre-Anesthetic Profile at an additional charge of \$107.10 _____

_____ I **DECLINE** Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing at this time but request that Springfield Veterinary Center proceed with anesthesia and surgical procedure. I acknowledge that some conditions may not be detected without Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids:

Springfield Veterinary Center requires the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during extended procedures. Intravenous catheterization and fluids are required for patients ten years of age and older regardless of the procedure. The additional charge for IV Catheterization and fluid administration is \$77.70.

I hereby authorize the administration of professionally accepted general anesthetic procedures necessary for treatment. I understand that support personnel will be used as deemed necessary by the veterinarian. I understand that there are always potential risks when using anesthesia or performing surgery on an animal. I assume financial responsibility for this animal. I acknowledge that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications, including death, anytime these procedures are performed.

Signed _____ Date: _____