

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 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 pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign an **Authorization/Estimate 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 and treats after 12 am.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering medications, vitamins and/or injections, please discuss with doctor prior to the day of surgery.**

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. At the time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the completed **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 technicians will collect all blood samples 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 give you an idea when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will collect your balance due and the veterinary technician will go over all discharge instructions and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any of the 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 all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and 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 require that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed to maximize patient safety.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** helps to 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. In addition, these tests may be useful if your pet's health changes, to detect 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. **Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which include:
 - **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder).
 - **Chemistry Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and the 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, allow us to best minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize patient safety.

If you have any questions or hesitations about the scheduled surgery, please do not hesitate to call us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of 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 using an injectable anesthetic and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This allows delivery of anesthetic gas and oxygen to keep your pet at a safe level of anesthesia and it also prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

Monitoring & Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First a technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have monitors that record hear rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels ECG and blood pressure.

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 for 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

An IV catheter is placed and IV fluids are given during most anesthetic procedures. This allows is 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.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. **Canine and Feline Spay**
 - a. **Bleeding**
 - b. **Infection**
 - c. **Recurrent Heat**
 - d. **Urinary Incontinence**
 - e. **Weight Gain**
 - d. **Suture Reactions**
2. **Canine and Feline Alter**
 - a. **Bleeding**
 - b. **Infection**
 - c. **Scrotal Swelling**
 - d. **Suture Reaction (Canine Only)**
3. **Feline Declaw**
 - a. **Bleeding**
 - b. **Infection**
 - c. **Limping/Lameness**
 - d. **Regrowth of Nail**
4. **Tumor/Lump Removal**
 - a. **Bleeding**
 - b. **Infection**
 - c. **Swelling and Drainage**
 - d. **Suture Reaction**

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthesia and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

STERLING VETERINARY ASSOCIATES

Client and Patient Information

Owner/Agent _____ Pet's Name _____

Address _____ Birth Date _____

City _____ Species: Dog Cat Rabbit

Home Phone _____ Breed _____

Work Phone _____ Color _____

Cell Phone _____ Sex: Male Neutered Female

Occupation _____ Spayed

Driver's License # _____ Obtained From: Pet Store Breeder

_____ Shelter Other

SS # _____ Number of Pets in Household: Dogs ____

E-Mail Address _____ Cats ____ Other ____

_____ Your Cat is: Indoors/Outdoors

Former Veterinarian: Indoors Only

Dr. _____ What is Your Pet's Usual Diet

Practice _____ Canned _____

Address _____ Dry _____

Phone _____

I, the undersigned, assume financial responsibility for all charges incurred and agree to pay all such charges at the time services are rendered or as arranged prior to examination and/or treatment.

Owner/Agent Signature _____ Date _____

Owner/Agent Printed Name _____