

New Prague Animal Care
SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled to undergo an upcoming surgery in the near future. In order to assist you, we have assembled the following informational packet to answer your questions and to make surgery day go as easily and stress-free as possible. Please review the form and initial where indicated.

In addition to this letter, you will find the following information enclosed:

- 1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form (Review, Initial and Bring in on Day of Surgery)**
- 2. Surgical Information Sheet (Review, Initial and Bring in on 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**. We will go through this authorization form and anticipated charges with you, answer your questions, and discuss with you any optional services you wish to include for your pet at the time of surgery.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached on the day of surgery. **In certain instances, once laboratory results are received, the surgeon may need to contact you prior to the procedure to discuss any abnormal test results or changes in plan. Failure to be able to reach you on the day of surgery to discuss possible concerns may result in postponement of the surgery.**

The night before your pet's surgery:

- **Withhold all food and treats after 10:00 p.m.**
- **Water may be provided during this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medication, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**

Please plan to drop your pet off on the morning of scheduled surgery at the indicated time. Please inform the scheduler if you need to make alternative arrangements. At drop-off, our team will answer any questions/concerns you have, and they will collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Forms**.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. Our nurse will collect all blood samples and run indicated lab tests prior to surgery for your surgeon's review. **If any questions arise from these tests, the doctor may contact you at the number you provide on the Authorization Form.**

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status at any time, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be completed. You will be informed of any delays. Once the procedure is done, you will be notified and we will be able to give you an idea of when your pet can be discharged to home. When you arrive to take your pet home after surgery, the receptionist will provide your total charges for payment, and the veterinary nurse will go over all discharge instructions both verbally and in written form. If you do not understand any of the information provided, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over these important instructions again. As always, feel free to call with any additional questions once you get home with your pet.

We hope that 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 providing your pet with the best possible veterinary care.

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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 along 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.

Monitoring & Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse 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 clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to take home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catherization & Fluids

We place an IV catheter and use IV fluids during gas anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids also 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) Recurring Heat, d) Urinary Incontinence, e) Weight Gain, f) Suture Reaction
2. Canine and Feline Neuter: a) Bleeding, b) Infection, c) Testicular Swelling, d) Suture Reaction (canine only)
3. Feline Declaw: a) Bleeding, b) Infection, c) Limping/Lameness, d) Regrowth of Nail, e) Potential Behavior Change
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 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 to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

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PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM
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Our greatest concern is the wellbeing of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination. As such, New Prague Animal Care requires that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile**, completed on our in-house state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, helps alert our surgeons 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 regimen to be administered. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were undergoing anesthesia. In addition, these tests alert our veterinarians if your pet's health changes and assist in developing faster, more accurate diagnoses and institute appropriate treatments.

The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date will indicate the following pre-anesthetic blood work included in the treatment protocol:

The Qualitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile which include:

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

You will notice that the above tests are **NOT** optional. 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 FULL senior profile can be performed on the day of the procedure at the owner's request. This testing has been included in the high amount of the surgical cost estimate you receive. Please let our staff know if you would like the FULL senior profile run before surgery. Our doctors will recommend it, but you have the option to include this additional valuable information on your pet prior to surgery.

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 Acquired 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 to keep them protected against this disease. 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 the patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable as possible 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. As always, our primary focus is keeping your pet comfortable and safe.

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

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