

Surgical Information Form

Please read carefully.

Anesthetic Procedures and 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, and injectable anesthetic may be 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 fluid into the lungs.

Monitoring & Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from the beginning of anesthesia through recovery. Second, we have monitoring equipment that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, and core and rectal temperature.

We strongly believe 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 use at home. You will be given additional information when your pet is discharged. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery for your pet.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We always place an IV catheter and use IV fluids during 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 dehydration, as well as aids in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

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.

Client Initials _____