

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery soon. In our attempt to assist you, we have put this packet together to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible. Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please reach out to us prior to the surgery day.

Enclosed in this packet you will find:

- Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
- Surgical Information Sheet

Night Before Surgery:

- Withhold all food, treats, and water after midnight
- Withhold the morning dose(s) of any medications unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.

Day of Surgery:

- Please plan for your pet to be admitted on the morning of scheduled surgery by 9:00am, unless other arrangements have been made in advance.
- The morning of surgery our team will be happy to answer any questions or concerns and collect the completed information forms.
- You will be required to review and sign an Authorization Form and a Treatment Plan. These forms are not included in this packet and will be provided to you in our office.
- Pre-Anesthetic bloodwork will be performed prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor will contact you at the number provided. Failure to provide a current telephone number on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.
- If you have elected additional blood tests they will be done prior to surgery.
- You may check up on your pet's status, however, we request that you allow sufficient time for your pet's procedure and recovery.
- After the recovery period, a member of our staff will contact you to give you a time when your pet will be discharged.

- Upon arrival, please let the receptionist know that you are here. They will go over the invoice and take payment at this time.
- Our veterinary nurse will go over all discharge instructions verbally, you will receive a written copy as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at this time.

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Please initial and bring these forms with you on the day of surgery

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before administering anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination and pre-anesthetic blood panel. The pre-anesthetic blood panel helps alert our doctor the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes, kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. Without a pre-anesthetic blood panel, we may not know the conditions that exist, thus not allowing for the most appropriate and safest anesthetic regimen to be administered.

Included in the Pre-Anesthetic blood panel:

- CBC: PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).

These tests are like those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests may be useful as a base line reading if your pet's health changes. The tests will help develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

If an owner declines the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but requests that we proceed with the procedure they must sign an Against Medical Advice Form. ***This must have approval of the doctor.***

Our feline owners have an option for a FeLV/FIV Test. We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients at least once in their lives. Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids) are viruses for which no cure exists. Accept _____
Decline _____

Please let us know if you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids: IV catheter placement and use of IV fluids are included with all surgical procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system 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.

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.

I have read and understand these procedures.

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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. Your pet is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea) so your pet can always receive oxygen and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Isoflurane, 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.

There may be certain short procedures where an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

Monitoring & Pain Management is continuous:

- Our veterinary nurse will be with your pet continuously from the beginning of anesthesia to recovery.
- Your pet will have a computerized monitor attached during the surgery 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, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication (if necessary) will be sent home. This program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

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 to us.

DEPOSIT FOR SURGICAL AND SPECIALIST PROCEDURES:

To ensure that we can accommodate every patient with the best possible care, Genesee Veterinary Hospital requires a \$110 non-refundable deposit in advance of any surgical procedure, dental cleaning, and all procedures that require a specialist (i.e. ultrasound, cardiology consultation, echocardiogram). If you need to reschedule the procedure, we require 24 hours' advance notice. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment without providing 24 hours' notice, your deposit will be forfeited. We will collect your deposit upon scheduling or the day of bloodwork and the funds will be applied to the procedure.

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