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Pre-anesthetic Blood Testing Authorization

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet, especially during anesthesia. Because of this, we use state-of-the-art monitoring equipment, the safest anesthetic available and our anesthetic assistants are the best trained anywhere. All of these precautions help to make our anesthesia very safe for the healthy pet.

Prior to anesthesia, our staff will obtain a complete history of your pet, and the veterinarian will perform a complete physical examination. These provide us with important information about your pet's health. But it is impossible to understand the complete physiologic picture without performing blood tests. The blood tests we recommend are similar to and equally as important as those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia.

It is important to understand that performing these tests does not guarantee complications will not occur. They are important in minimizing the risk of anesthesia, and they provide you and us with peace of mind. They may also identify a medical condition that is not apparent by physical examination.

In some cases, abnormal blood tests will cause us to delay a surgical procedure and attempt to diagnose the medical problem causing the abnormal tests. In many instances, these values will help us determine which pre-medication agents to use for your pet's safety and the need for additional medications after surgery. We can alter standard protocols based on your pet's particular values. If all of the tests are normal, we can proceed with a greater degree of confidence and we will have established an excellent set of baseline values to use compare against should your pet become ill in the future.

- I accept** the recommendation of pre-anesthetic blood tests and wish the testing to be performed on my pet prior to his/her anesthetic procedure. (\$69 for CBC & basic pre-anesthetic panel)
- I decline** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood test at this time and request that you proceed with anesthesia. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical examination alone. I understand that my pet's health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia.

Peri-operative Fluid Administration

Also, we recommend that an IV catheter be placed before surgery and IV fluids to be run during surgery. Firstly, the IV catheter gives the doctor and assistants venous access during the procedure so that medications can be readily given. Fluid administration also adds the benefits of maintaining blood pressure, protecting organs, and protecting your pet from fluid loss during surgery.

- I accept** the recommendation of peri-operative IV catheter placement and fluid administration. (\$25)
- I decline** the recommended IV catheter placement and fluid administration.

Owner's Signature