

# 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. Safe Anesthesia Handout
2. Surgical Consent Form (**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 9:00pm.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, Withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be admitted between 8-8:30 AM on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At time of admission, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. Our nurse will take pet's temperature, pulse, & respiration and collect blood samples for tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Authorization Form.

You are welcome to check up 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 bill you out and the veterinary nurse will go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more time. If you have not spoken with your doctor after your pet's procedure, please tell your nurse.

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 any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and years to come.

## **WHAT IS SAFE ANESTHESIA?**

Anesthesia becomes a necessary procedure for many of our pets at some point in their lives. Just like human anesthesia there are some risks involved in pets when they receive anesthesia. However, there are several safety measures that need to be in force to ensure the best anesthetic outcome for your pet. The following is a list of safety protocols that you need to insist on for safe anesthesia.

**Pre-surgical Blood work-** This blood test checks for hidden kidney and liver problems and makes sure the glucose level is normal before surgery or anesthesia.

**Heartworm test-** If your dog is over 6 months of age and not currently taking a heartworm preventative he or she needs to be tested before anesthesia.

**IV Catheter-** An IV catheter needs to be in place in order to give the doctor access to the circulatory system at all times during anesthesia. In longer procedures your pet may need IV fluids given through the catheter.

**Patient Monitoring-** Your pet needs to have an anesthesia nurse taking heart rate, respiratory rate and temperature at regular intervals during anesthesia and recovery. Electrical monitoring devices that show ECG and Oxygen levels are excellent but do not replace a nurse.

**Anesthetic Choice-** Talk with your veterinarian about the safest choice of anesthesia for your pet. Anesthesia choices will vary depending on the size, age, and temperament of your pet. However, as a rule, Oxygen should always be administered to your pet during an anesthesia procedure.

**Safe Anesthesia is a big concern for pet lovers. Make sure your pet is getting the best care by your veterinary health care team.**

**WILDERNESS TRACE VETERINARY CLINIC  
SURGERY CONSENT FORM**

PATIENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PROCEDURE \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATE GIVEN

TEETH CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATE GIVEN

RETAINED PUPPY TEETH \_\_\_ FLEAS \_\_\_ \*FLEAS CONTAMINATE SURGERY SITES, PETS WITH FLEAS WILL BE GIVEN CAPSTAR AT COST.

DOGS – CURRENT ON VACCINATIONS (DA2 ,RABIES, BORDETELLA)? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

CATS – CURRENT ON VACCINATIONS (FVRCP AND RABIES)? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**SURGICAL SUPPORT PROCEDURES**

AS WITH ANY SURGERY REQUIRING GENERAL ANESTHESIA, THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS THAT SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS OR EVEN DEATH MAY RESULT. TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF SUCH OCCURANCES, WE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SURGICAL SUPPORT PROCEDURES.

EKG HEART MONITORING DURING SURGERY

(Monitors heart during surgery)

PRE-SURGICAL BLOODWORK

(To assure proper organ function)

IV FLUID SUPPORT

(Maintains blood pressure, replace blood loss, administer emergency life-saving drugs)

**I am aware of the risks involved with surgery, including possible death, and understand the information in this surgery form and give Wilderness Trace Veterinary Clinic permission to proceed with the surgery and to perform any and all life-saving procedures should the need arise. Further, I understand that I am financially responsible for all costs incurred during this surgery, treatment and hospitalization.**

ESTIMATE FOR SURGERY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(OWNER INITIALS) \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED DURING SURGERY.** \_\_\_\_\_