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Patient: _____

Surgery Date: _____

Admission is between 7:00 & 8:00 AM.

SURGICAL PROCEDURE & ANESTHESIA INFORMATION

We know that you are likely a little nervous about your pet's upcoming surgery and anesthetic procedure. We hope this packet will provide you information to help ease your mind about your pet's upcoming procedure.

***There will be a charge for any missed surgery appointments or last minute cancellations.**

The night before surgery:

- No food or treats after 10:00 PM the night before.
- Water is allowed until morning.

The morning of surgery:

- No food or treats.
- Water is allowed until your pet arrives in our office.
- If your pet is currently on medications or supplements, please do not give the morning dose(s) unless otherwise instructed by your veterinarian.

Your admission form:

Most importantly, we need a phone number or other means of contact to reach you directly on this day. We want to be in touch with you for updates, questions or in the event of an emergency. When reviewing the admission form, please realize that it is meant to cover all contingencies and not an expectation of problems. We strive to ensure that your pet is safe and comfortable as possible throughout their procedure and their time spent with us.

Once your pet's check-in has been completed:

- Your pet's nurse will obtain blood for pre-anesthetic testing if applicable.
- Your pet will then be examined by the veterinarian who will create a personal drug protocol for your pet based upon examination, age, procedure and blood results.
- If there are any concerns or questions that need to be addressed after the examination, the doctor or nurse will call you. Typically our anesthesia procedures will take place between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Your pet's nurse will call as soon as they are in recovery with an update and to confirm your discharge time, which is usually between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.



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You are always welcome to call to check on your pet's status. At the end of the day, when you arrive to collect your pet, one of our veterinary assistants will review your bill, take payment, go over discharge instructions and provide you with a written copy. We hope this helps to make the procedure day an easier experience. It is ok to feel a bit worried, but know that we are here to answer any and all questions that you may have about your pet and their upcoming procedure.

Our goal is to keep your pet as safe and comfortable as possible. Before your pet is given any anesthetic medications, they will receive a full physical exam from the attending veterinarian.

We recommend all animals going under anesthesia have at least a minimum amount of pre-anesthetic blood work to maximize their safety. In most cases, blood work will be required. Our in-house laboratory means that we can quickly have most test results in hand however, in most cases we will gather samples and send them to our lab for testing prior to your surgery appointment. The results of this testing is only relevant for two weeks.

Pre-anesthetic blood work allows us to check for any signs of anemia, decreased platelet numbers, infection, dehydration, diabetes, or changes in kidney or liver function that could have an impact on surgery and/or anesthesia. These tests are the same as your own physician would require if you are about to undergo anesthesia and surgery.

Blood work results will be reported to you as part of your pet's discharge packet. These diagnostic results are also part of your pet's permanent medical record at Community Animal Hospital so that we can continue to monitor over time.

Some additional diagnostics and procedures that you can elect to have done while your pet is in hospital include the following. On occasion we may request/require an additional test when your pet's species, breed, age, or finding on recent physical exam merits.

- Heartworm testing
- Felv/fiv virus testing
- Anal gland expression
- Aspiration and cytology of any noted lumps/bumps/masses
- Histopathology (when lump is removed)
- Microchipping for permanent identification
- Vaccinations (if compatible with procedure)

All of our patients have their nails trimmed and ears cleaned while under anesthesia. Please let us know if you DO NOT want these complimentary services preformed. If you would like to add any of the above services to your pet's procedure today, please let us know at admission.