

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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 is easy and stress-free as possible.

In addition to this letter, you will find that the following information has been enclosed:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form (Please Bring in Day of Surgery)
2. Surgical Information Sheet (Please Bring in Day of Surgery)
3. Surgical Release Form (Please Bring in the 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 Form**, which allows you to choose optional services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached during the 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:

1. **Withhold all food and water after midnight.**
2. **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 dropped off the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. New clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of the procedure. At the time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect completed **Authorization Form**.

One of our veterinary assistants will contact you at the number on the Authorization Form after your pet's procedure is complete. 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 discuss a time when your pet will be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will obtain payment and the veterinary assistant will go over all discharge orders verbally. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them again.

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 for years to come.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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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, an injectable anesthetic is 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 fluids into lungs.

For procedures that require minimum sedation, 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. Another advantage to Isoflurane is a quick induction using a mask verses using injectable anesthetics that require metabolism from the body.

Monitoring and Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary professional is with your pet. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG and rectal temperature.

Our hospital strongly believes in compassionate, quality medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to go home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in quick recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization and Fluids

All of our surgical patients have an IV catheter placed. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. In some cases, we may also administer IV fluids during the anesthetic procedure. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in quicker recovery from anesthesia.

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 precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

CLIENT INITIALS _____

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

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Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before placing your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination.

We also highly recommend that a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

****All pets eight (8) years and older are REQUIRED to have a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile be performed.**

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected without a pre-anesthetic profile thus not allowing for the most appropriate and safest anesthetic regime to be administered. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests may be useful if your pet's health changes to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

The Authorization Form you will sign on your pet's surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

The Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile which includes:

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

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.

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SURGICAL RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please select below to indicate if you would like your pet to have the Pre-Anesthetic Profile

Yes, I would like my pet to have the Pre-Anesthetic Profile. *Required for all pets 8 years and older.

No, I do NOT want my pet to have the Pre-Anesthetic Profile.

If your pet is having a dental cleaning please select below if you authorize extractions for an additional charge. If you would like to be contacted first, please leave a phone number that you will be able to be reached on. Please be aware that your pet will be under anesthesia when we contact you for your permission.

Yes, extractions are permitted for an additional charge.

Please call me first at this number _____ *Please be available to answer our phone call.

I, the undersigned owner, or owner's agent certify that I am over 18 years of age and hereby authorize the doctor(s) at Lawndale Veterinary Hospital to perform the anesthetic and surgical procedure for my pet. I understand that some risk always exists with anesthesia and/or surgery and that I am encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about those risks with the attending veterinarian before the procedure(s) is initiated.

While I accept that all procedures will be done to the best of the abilities of the staff of Lawndale Veterinary Hospital, I understand that no guarantee or warranty has been made regarding the results that may be achieved. Should some unexpected life-saving emergency care be required and the hospital staff be unable to reach me, Lawndale Veterinary Hospital does have permission to provide such treatment and I agree to pay for such service. I assume full financial responsibility for all services provided.

For all pets to stay at Lawndale Veterinary Hospital, the following vaccines and tests are required:

Canine: DHPP, Bordetella, Rabies, and Intestinal Parasite Exam. The Leptospirosis vaccine and Lyme vaccine and Heartworm test are strongly recommended.

Feline: DRC and Rabies. An Intestinal Parasite Exam is strongly recommended. If your cat comes in contact with outdoor cats, or goes outside at all, we recommend a Feline Leukemia/FIV test and a Feline Leukemia vaccine.

I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions set forth above.

Emergency Contact Number:

Signature: