

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

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

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

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 in the future to allow faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

*State of the art equipment enables us to perform the pre-anesthetic blood profile at our hospital and we are committed to making this technology available to our patients.

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

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which includes:
 - **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
 - **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).
2. **Owner Elects to Decline** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time but requests that we proceed with the procedure. This is indicated by declining the optional procedures.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that will give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done before the day of the procedure at your request. It has been included in the high amount estimate.

On the **Feline Patient Authorization Form**, our feline owners will see a **FelV/FIV Test** option. We highly recommend this be preformed on all feline patients at least once in their lives be cause Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids) are viruses for which no cure exists. If your pet goes outside, we recommend administering the Feline Leukemia vaccine as well. Please ask questions if you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make surgery day safe and comfortable for al 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, pleas do not hesitate to call us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

CLIENT INITIALS _____

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist you 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 the following information has been enclosed:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**).
2. Surgical Information Sheet (**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 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...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 6:00 pm.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, request instructions about giving morning doses.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of the scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of the procedure and may not have an appointment until later. At the time of drop-off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Forms**.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for surgery. If you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, our nurse will collect all blood samples and run the 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.

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 and in years to come.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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Anesthetic Procedures & 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 the lungs.

For procedures that require minimum sedation, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery. 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 for some cases is a quick induction using a mask versus using injectable anesthetic that require metabolism from the body.)

Monitoring & Pain Management- Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen levels and respiration.

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

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydrations, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

Potential Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Recurrent Heat. 4. Urinary Incontinence. 5. Weight Gain. 6. Suture Reactions.

2. Canine and Feline Neuter

1. Bleeding 2. Infection. 3. Scrotal Swelling. 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)

3. Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection. 3. Limping/Lameness. 4. Regrowth of Nail – not a concern with Laser declaw.

4. Tumor/Lump Removal

1. Bleeding. 2. Infection. 3. Swelling and Drainage. 4. Suture Reaction.

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.

CLIENT INITIALS _____

**Fall River Veterinary Hospital
Authorization for Medical or Surgical Treatment**

Client	Patient Name	Weight/Temp	Date
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Surgical Procedure or Treatment _____

For added safety we recommend a blood profile because they tell us about risks of delayed healing after surgery or dentistry and potential difficulties with anesthesia. To ensure that your pet is in a low risk category prior to anesthesia the following tests will help determine you pet's readiness for surgery. I authorize the veterinarians of Fall River Veterinary Hospital to perform the following blood work.

Profile #1 (Birth -3 years) \$ <u>39.10</u>	Hematocrit, Plasma Protein, ALT and BUN The hematocrit is a rough assessment of anemia. Plasma protein levels reflect availability of protein for healing. ALT is an enzyme, which can show leakage from damaged liver cells and Blood Uria Nitrogen is a waste product, which is increased when kidneys fail.
Profile #2 (4-6 years) \$ <u>85.40</u>	Mini Chemistry Panel and CBC This profile includes 6 chemistries that screen for kidney disease, liver disease, diabetes, and protein level. A Complete Blood Count assesses anemia, infection and some possible clotting problems. These tests can indicate the presence of inflammation, stress or an inability to fight infection. Low platelets can indicate a potentially serious problem such as bleeding during or after surgery
Profile #3 (7-10 years) \$ <u>120.76</u>	Senior Profile – CBC and expanded Chemistry Panel This profile includes 25 serum chemistry tests to assess Liver, Kidney, Adrenal and general metabolic status in addition to a Complete Blood Count.
Profile #4 (11+ years) \$ <u>129.76</u>	Geriatric Profile – CBC, Expanded Chemistry Panel and Thyroid screening. Aging pets can suffer hyper or hypothyroid status, which can often be treated and should not be mistaken for normal aging.
_____ _____	I ACCEPT BLOOD PROFILE # _____ I DECLINE ANY LAB WORK AT THIS TIME

IV catheter and fluid administration \$ 112.00 – 135.00

We recommend an IV catheter and fluid maintenance for all anesthetized patients. This provides for maintenance of adequate blood pressure throughout anesthesia and recovery and immediate access for medication in the event of complications.

_____ **I accept** _____ **I decline**

Dental Procedures – I understand that periodontal gel placement and/or extractions cannot be estimated prior to procedure. Once a thorough examination of the teeth has been done and further treatment is deemed necessary an estimate for additional procedures will be done and you will be phoned for authorization.

Signed	Date	Contact Number where I can be reached
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