

ANESTHESIA/SURGICAL RELEASE FORM

Animal Name _____.

I am authorizing the following procedure(s) requiring general anesthesia: _____

I understand that during the performance of the procedures(s) that I have authorized, unforeseen conditions may arise. Therefore, I hereby consent to and authorize the performance of such procedures as are necessary in the exercise of the veterinarian's professional judgment. I also do hereby acknowledge that I understand that there are no guarantees either expressed or implied that the procedures authorized will be without complications from unexpected events beyond the veterinarian's and hospital's control.

Signature _____ Date _____

Blood Tests

The **blood tests** we recommend are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. They help us minimize the risk of anesthesia, and provide you and us with peace of mind.

Pre-anesthetic blood tests are important for the following reasons:

- Abnormal blood tests provide us with information about your pet's internal organs which may cause us to delay an anesthetic procedure until a later date, or pursue the medical problem causing the abnormal test
- Test results help us determine which anesthetic agents to use
- If blood tests are normal, we can move forward with the procedure with a greater degree of confidence
- Normal blood tests provide an excellent set of baseline values for your pet which are invaluable in the event that your pet becomes ill.

- I authorize the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests. Cost of pre-anesthetic blood test is \$40.00.
- 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.

Fluid Therapy

Administering fluid therapy during anesthetic procedures provides the following benefits for your pet:

- Intravenous fluid therapy helps maintain blood pressure, supports proper kidney function, aids in recovery from anesthetic and surgical procedures, and allows rapid access to the circulatory system if complications arise during the procedure.

- I approve the recommended fluid therapy. Cost of fluid therapy is \$45.00
- I decline the recommended intravenous fluid therapy at this time and request that you proceed with anesthesia. **I understand that by declining intravenous fluid therapy during this procedure, my pet's health may be at increased risk.**

Pain Management

Providing pain medication helps decrease post operative pain, resulting in more rapid healing and decreased morbidity. Surgical patients receive an analgesic injection as part of surgical protocol, however we do recommend and offer additional medications to help reduce post-operative discomfort.

- I approve the recommended pain management package (cost varies based on animal weight)
- I decline the recommended pain management package