



## 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.

The doctors at MLVH highly recommend that a **Pre – Anesthetic Blood Profile and ECG** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. For all pets over the age of seven these tests are required and are not optional.

The **Pre- Anesthetic Blood Profile** helps alert our surgeon to a variety of conditions that could complicate the procedure. These conditions increase the risk to your pet and can go undetected unless a pre- anesthetic blood testing is performed. These results allow 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.

An **Electrocardiogram (ECG)** is a diagnostic test that records the electrical activity of the dog's heart and is the only test that can accurately diagnose an arrhythmia or a conduction abnormality. The electrocardiogram is a noninvasive test. The heart's electrical activity is recorded by attaching small contact electrodes to the limbs and chest wall and the information is transmitted to a veterinary cardiologist to be evaluated. The results are obtained prior to the administration of any anesthesia.

The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date at our office will offer pre-anesthetic blood work for all pets

For feline patients coming in for spay or neuter, the feline leukemia/aids test is highly recommended. It is included on the high end of your estimate. The doctors at Mattituck – Laurel Veterinary Hospital believe this test should be done at least once in a cat's lifetime.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the family and the patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and Blood Work/ECG are done prior to any surgical procedure. This allows us to best minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize patient safety.

If you have any questions or hesitations about the scheduled procedure, about the scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to call MLVH at 631-298-1177 to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

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