

# SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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## **Anesthetic Procedures & Risks**

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medication and inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia (asleep, relaxed and pain free) that are safe for your pet.

**For very 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 with a short acting anesthetic and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe and placed on a gas anesthetic machine). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times, prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs, stay asleep and pain free through the entire procedure. Gas anesthesia allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth, is less irritating to the airways and is very safe as it requires no breakdown by the body.

**Monitoring & Pain Management** – Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that monitors and records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, core and rectal temperature.

Our Doctor's strongly believe in compassionate, 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 regarding pain management will be given at discharge. This attention to pain management will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quick recovery.

## **Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids**

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. It reduces the risk of adverse anesthetic and surgical reactions by providing support to your pets cardiovascular and renal systems. It also allows us to have a quick access to the circulatory system(blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency and speeds 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 provide the highest quality care of your pet and take all added precautions to help avoid potential problems.**

**Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.**

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