

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Boucherie Animal Hospital

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 as 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
2. Surgical Information Sheet
3. Authorization For and Consent to Anesthesia and Surgery or Diagnostic/Therapeutic Procedures

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (250)769-5559.

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 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 7:00pm.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period until the morning.**
- **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 on the morning of the scheduled surgery (usually between 8:00 and 8:30 am), unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a presurgical visit before the procedure and may not have an appointment for surgery until a later date. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**. We can provide you with a new one if you do not have a completed one with you.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the kennel area to wait for their surgery. The doctor will perform a presurgical physical examination before your pet is put under anesthesia. If you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, all blood samples will be collected and tests run 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. In order to allow your pet sufficient time to recover from anesthesia we will usually keep them under observation in the hospital until at least 3:00 pm. When you arrive to take your pet home, the veterinary nurse will bill you out and go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any of the 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 day and years to come.

PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

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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 to develop 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 which includes :

- **Complete Blood Count (CBC)** : White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- **Chemistry Profile** : BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar) and Total Protein (Dehydration)
- **Electrolytes** (Imbalance)

You may know of other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that 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, a more extensive senior profile can be done prior to the day of the procedure at the owner's request, or at your veterinarian's recommendation.

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 at (250)769-5559 to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

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Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic injectable medications and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

- **For procedures that require minimum sedation**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery.
- **For short procedures**, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of 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. 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.

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 Doppler unit for blood pressure and heart rate monitoring.

Our clinic strongly believes 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 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 dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

Potential Surgical Complications (Most Common)

- **Canine and Feline Spay**
1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Urinary Incontinence 4. Weight Gain 5. Suture Reactions
- **Canine and Feline Neuter**
1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Scrotal Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)
- **Feline Declaw**
1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness
- **Tumor/Lump Removal**
1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction
- **Dental Extractions**
1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Suture Reaction 4. Gum flap dehiscence (re-opening of the gum flap)

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