



**Near town  
Animal  
Clinic**

# **PRESURGICAL INFORMATION**

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Please read and follow the steps outlined to prepare your pet for surgery. This information is provided with your pet's safety in mind. On your pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign an Authorization/Estimate Form— which also 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 surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after midnight, water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, give the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**
- **Drop off your pet between 7:30 am and 9:00 am the day of surgery.**

The doctor or technician will call you after the procedure to discuss your pet's condition and tentative release time.

**\* If we have no record of current vaccinations, your pet will be vaccinated before surgery.**

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**Preparation** – If necessary, the surgical area will be clipped and scrubbed with an antiseptic.

**Anesthetic Procedures** – 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 most procedures, your pet is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea).

**Anesthesia** – 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 and is less irritating to the airways. It can take up to 48 hours for <animal> to fully recover from anesthesia.

**Monitoring** – 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 records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, and temperature.

**Intravenous Catheter** – An IV catheter is used during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency.

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If you wish to meet with the doctor, please make an appointment for a discharge consultation. Please read all discharge papers you are given when you pick up your pet.

**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.**

If you have any questions concerning these procedures, please call us at **713-526-1502**.

\* Visit our website ([www.near townvet.com](http://www.near townvet.com)) to manage your pet's health care online with Pet Portals.

# PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU ON SURGERY DAY**

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 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 blood 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 include pre-anesthetic blood work.

**The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC)** and **Pre-Anesthetic Profile** include:

- **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).

You will notice 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, the FULL senior profile may need to be done the day of the procedure

On the **Feline Patient Authorization Form**, our feline owners will see a **FelV/FIV Test** option. We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients at least once in their lives because 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 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 to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

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