

# SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery at Snook Veterinary Clinic. In an attempt to assist my clients, I have put together this packet to make the 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 (BRING IN DAY OF SURGERY)**
- 2) **Surgical Information Sheet (BRING IN DAY OF SURGERY)**

Please read the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 979-272-3894. On the day of your pet's surgery, I will require you to review and sign an **AUTHORIZATION /ESTIMATE FORM.**

I require a phone number where you can be reached on the day of surgery. If any questions or concerns arise, I will need to be able to contact you at this number.

The night before your pet's surgery ...

- \* **Withhold all food and treats after 6:00 pm the night before the procedure.**
- \* **Withhold all water after midnight the night before surgery.**
- \* **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses on the day of surgery unless otherwise instructed by Dr. Stein.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off at Snook Veterinary Clinic on the morning of the scheduled surgery between 8:00 and 8:15am, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. If there are any questions or concerns about the procedure or aftercare, I will gladly try to ease your concerns when you drop your pet off for the procedure. **Please be sure to bring your completed forms to our office with your pet.** I usually don't call owners with surgery updates. If you don't hear from me on the day of surgery, please accept the concept that **"NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS"**. I will give you a time to pick up your pet before you leave the clinic for the day. When you arrive to take your pet home, I will have your bill ready and I will go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy of these orders as well. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask me to go over them one more time.

I sincerely hope that your pet's surgery day will be a pleasant and stress free experience for you and your pet. I know surgery can be an anxious time, and I will always be available to answer any and all questions concerning the procedure. I truly look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and for many years to come.

**Marsha Stein, DVM**

# PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM

## THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO MY OFFICE

My greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, I always perform a full and complete physical exam.

I also **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** and sometimes require that a **PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD PROFILE** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety. If you elect to do the Blood Profile, these tests must be done several days in advance of the procedure and will be billed as a separate charge. The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps alert me to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes and/or kidney and 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. 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 so I can develop a faster, more accurate diagnosis and treatment. **If you want me to perform the bloodwork mentioned here, please contact my office at 979-272-3894 the week before your pet's surgery date for an appointment.** All bloodwork is performed at Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station, Texas.

The tests that should be run are:

**Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile Panel.** These include ...

- \* **CBC:** PCV (for Anemia), White Blood Count (for Infection), and Red Blood Counts (for Anemia and Bleeding Disorders), Platelet Count (for Clotting Disorders).
- \* **Profile:** BUN and Creatinine (for Kidney Function), ALKP and ALT (for Liver Disorders), Glucose (for Blood Sugars), Total Protein (for Dehydration), and Electrolytes (for Acid/Base Imbalances).

**If the owner elects to DECLINE the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests, and requests that I proceed with the procedure without them, the appropriate lines need to be completed below.**

I realize that surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and the patient, and I 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 as well as maximizing patient safety.

If you have any questions or hesitations about the scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to call me at 979-272-3894 to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.

**Thanks, Marsha Stein, DVM**

\_\_\_\_\_ I **ACCEPT** the Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work      \_\_\_\_\_ I **DECLINE** the Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner's (Representative's) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

# SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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**Anesthetic Procedures:** I use injectable anesthetics to achieve proper levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet. These drugs are metabolized through the liver, and it may take anywhere from a couple of hours to a couple of days for all of the drug to be metabolized through your pet's system. I constantly monitor your pet's breathing patterns and mucous membrane color to assess how your pet is doing under anesthesia. For most surgeries, I will place an intravenous catheter in your pet's forearm. I will give IV fluids through this catheter for most anesthetic procedures. This allows me to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency occurs. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and to prevent dehydration.

**Potential Surgical Complications:**

**Canine and Feline Spays:** Bleeding, Infection, Urinary Incontinence, Weight gain, Suture reactions.

**Canine and Feline Neuters:** Bleeding, Infection, scrotal swelling, Suture reactions.

**Feline Declaw:** Bleeding, Infection, limping/Lameness, Regrowth of nail.

**Tumor/Lump Removal:** Bleeding, Infection, Swelling and drainage, Suture reactions.

**Infections:** Your pet will be given a long acting antibiotic injection before the surgery starts. This does not cover/prevent all infections, but it may help prevent some common infections. This antibiotic will be given in the rear of one of the upper leg muscles. It is not unusual for this injection to cause a temporary paralysis in that leg due to a numbing agent in the drug. This condition is temporary, but is rather disturbing when it is first noticed.

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. I strive to provide quality care to your pet and will take the added precautions you allow to help avoid potential problems that may arise. Thank you for entrusting your pet to me and Snook Veterinary Clinic.**

**Marsha Stein, DVM**

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner's (Representative's) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date