

Shamrock Veterinary Clinic - **DENTAL ANESTHETIC AUTHORIZATION** FORM

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING THIS AUTHORIZATION - WE WILL VERBALLY REVIEW THE QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

Contact number for TODAY:

OWNER'S NAME:

PET'S NAME:

I hereby authorize **Shamrock Veterinary Clinic** to perform such diagnostic, anesthetic, and surgical procedures as are in their opinion, necessary and advisable for treatment and maintenance of my pet's health and well being. The nature of such services has been described to me to my satisfaction, and while I expect all procedures to be done to the best abilities of the professional staff, I realize that neither guarantee nor warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure.

I also authorize and direct the veterinarian to examine, retain for scientific purposes or dispose of all such tissue, organs, or members as shall be removed by operation or biopsy performed upon the patient.

WHY PERFORM LABORATORY SERVICES?

We advocate preventative laboratory screening for all pets, including but not limited to those receiving anesthetic procedures. Many pets have pre-existing conditions that are undetectable by physical exams. Important organ systems are evaluated by performing laboratory tests. If any abnormalities are diagnosed, they may need to be identified and addressed for early treatment. Some pets have anemia, diabetes, depleted platelet count, underlying liver or kidney disease. For pets receiving anesthesia, these problems greatly increase surgical and anesthetic risks, especially if not known. Intravenous catheters and fluids are standard for all anesthetic procedures. This is to aid your pet's kidney system. Your pet has not had any water for the past 12 hours prior to the procedure. We want to support the kidney function by IV fluids during and after anesthesia.

WHY TREAT PAIN?

Your pet will have already received Pain medication for the procedure today. Although pain, suffering, and stress are certainly not identical in animals and humans, there is sound documentation that pain increases patient risk during anesthesia. Pain exaggerates the inflammatory response, produces a catabolic state, and suppresses the immune system, which delays wound healing and predisposes your pet to infection.

Since we now have a safe pain reliever for your pets, we will dispense some for several days with all surgical patients.

Possibility of tooth extractions

While we advocate retaining oral health, on occasion the need for extraction does exist. Often we are unable to thoroughly evaluate all of the teeth until your pet is anesthetized. We often will attempt to contact you during the procedure to make you aware of the medical options in this matter. There are instances when the medical judgment of the veterinarian takes precedence and the extraction must be preformed for the health of my pet.

AUTHORIZATION ACCEPTED for anesthesia, professional services, iv catheter and fluids, laboratory services, extractions & pain medications.