



# Animal Wellness Center of Buffalo Valley

## What you NEED to know about Surgery

If you have recently scheduled your pet for a surgery at our clinic, you probably have a lot of questions. We would like to try and answer any questions you have to make your experience with us a great one.

Please carefully read through the following pages and contact us if you have any questions at all. On the day of the surgery, we will have the Surgical Consent form ready and will go over it with you.

- **Please withhold food from your pet after 8PM the night BEFORE surgery**
- It is OK to give water the morning of the surgery
- If your pet is on any medications or supplements, withhold the morning dose unless otherwise instructed
- We require that all pets that are spayed or neutered spend the night
- Drop off is between 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM the day of the surgery
- Upon check-in, you will be asked to sign a Surgical Consent Form, acknowledging that you understand the risks associated with general anesthesia
- Pickup is between 8:00AM and 5:00 PM the day after the surgery
- We will call you in the afternoon after the surgery is complete and your pet has recovered, to let you know how your pet is doing.
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### Our Fees Include...

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| 1. Patient and room preparation   | 6. Pain medication sent home after surgery is a flat fee of \$20.50 regardless of your pet's size |
| 2. Sterile surgical pack, drape, and sutures                                | 7. Frequent monitoring to assess pain   |
| 3. General anesthesia   | 8. Hospitalization overnight with blankets and pads   |
| 4. Surgery time   | 9. Special kitty litter for cats who are declawed   |
| 5. Anesthetic monitoring by licensed technician during surgery and recovery | 10. Lots of TLC!  |

### What's Extra?

Optional services that are available at the time of surgery are:

- **Pain Medication (\$20.50)** - It is highly recommended that you take pain medication home with your pet. We will send home as many pills as necessary, regardless of size, for a flat fee
- **Microchip (\$45)** - An implant that provides a safe and permanent way of pet identification
- **Pre-surgical bloodwork (\$68-\$85)** - This is highly recommended to ensure the internal organs are functioning properly to metabolize the anesthesia required for surgery.
- **Vaccinations (pricing varies)** - If your pet is due for vaccinations, we can give the necessary shots while they are staying with us.
- **4DX testing (\$54.50)** - A quick and easy blood test to check and make sure your dog doesn't have Heartworm disease, Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, or Anaplasmosis. Recommended annually.
- **FelLV/FIV Test (\$62.85)** - 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.



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## Pre-Surgical Bloodwork

When dropping off your pet on the day of surgery, we will ask you if you would like us to do Pre-Surgical Bloodwork. While we always perform a physical exam on a pet before surgery, we can't always see the whole picture. To get a better idea of your pet's overall health, it is recommended to run bloodwork.

If you or I were to go to the hospital and have surgery, they always run pre-surgical bloodwork before any procedure to check and make sure you are healthy enough to handle the surgery. It is the same with your pet.

The **Pre-Surgical Bloodwork** alerts Dr. Margaret to any of the following conditions: dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes, kidney disease, or liver disease. If bloodwork is not run, these conditions may not be detected and would complicate surgery. If bloodwork is run and we detect a problem, we can administer the correct treatment for your pet. If bloodwork is run and no problems are detected, then great! This means that there is a much higher chance that this surgery will go through without a hitch.

The **Surgical Consent Form** you will sign on the day of surgery will look like this:

### ***Pre-Anesthetic Bloodwork:***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pet Health Screen 1 (Recommended for pets under 6 years of age)**

CBC, Electrolytes, Chemistry including BUN, ALT, Glucose, Creatinine, ALKP, Total Protein

**Cost: \$68.76**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pet Health Screen 2 (Recommended for pets over 6 years of age)**

All of the above tests in addition to Albumin, Calcium, Amylase, Phosphorus, Total Bilirubin

**Cost: \$85.24**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I DO NOT** wish to have the pre-surgical blood work run today.

### ***Other Recommended Bloodwork:***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Canine 4DX Test (Recommended annually for all dogs)**

Tests for Heartworm disease, Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis and Anaplasmosis

**Cost: \$54.50**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Feline FeLV/FIV Tests (Recommended at least once for every cat)**

Tests for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids), which are viruses for which no cure exists.

**Cost: \$62.85**

**If you choose to decline the Pre-Surgical Bloodwork**, we will still perform the surgery, but just want you to understand that there is always a risk of complications anytime anesthetic procedures are performed. We truly just want the best care for your pet. Making sure your pet is healthy and that their surgery goes smoothly is our number one priority.