



# ***SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET***

PRESSLY ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
- WE'RE THE VOICE OF FORGOTTEN PETS -

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.

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign an Authorization Form. 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, water and treats after 9pm.
- 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 the morning of scheduled surgery. In order to remain on schedule, the **REQUIRED DROP OFF TIME IS BETWEEN 7:30am-8am**. Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. The nurse will collect any required blood samples and tests 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. You may call anytime between 12pm-2pm to check on your pet. All surgery pets must be picked up by 5pm, unless we notified you that the pet may stay overnight. **A FEE WILL BE CHARGED AT \$1/MIN FOR ANY LATE PICKUPS.** When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and the veterinary nurse will go over all medications and discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any 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!

# ***SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM***

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

## **Anesthetic Procedures & Risks**

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 short procedures**, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical 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). An inhalant gas anesthetic is then used to achieve the optimum plane of sedation. This will also ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

**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 computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, and ECG.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management appropriate to their procedure. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to go 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 use an IV catheter and IV fluids during all major 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.

**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**

CLIENT INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

# ***PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING INFORMATION FORM***

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

We 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 cannot 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 show required Pre-anesthetic blood work.

## **Primary Blood work:**

- **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),

## **Secondary Blood work:**

- **Electrolyte Profile:** used to evaluate for metabolic abnormalities prior to anesthesia
- **Coagulation Profile:** Any pet undergoing a surgical procedure in which moderate bleeding may occur should be evaluated pre-operatively for any defect in the blood's ability to clot. Excessive bleeding can cause major complications and there are many disease states that can cause bleeding problems in your pet.

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 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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# ANESTHETIC RELEASE FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize **Pressly Animal Hospital, PLLC** to perform upon \_\_\_\_\_, the following procedure(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand the nature and purpose of the procedures, risks involved, and possible complications that could arise. I understand there are no guarantees or assurances of the outcome of said procedures. I understand that while the anesthetic used in the hospital is one of the safest used in veterinary medicine, NO anesthesia is without medical risk. No guarantees can be made legally or ethically to me of any procedure performed. I release **Pressly Animal Hospital, PLLC** and its associates from liability if something unforeseen were to occur. Should an emergency arise calling for procedures in addition to, or different from those stated above, that such procedures will be performed. I agree to pay in full for all services rendered including those deemed necessary for medical and surgical complications or other unforeseen circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_ **INITIALS**

**BLOOD WORK:** I understand that when an animal of age the body can have unforeseen diagnostic problems. I understand that blood work is **REQUIRED**. I do hereby understand **Pressly Animal Hospital, PLLC** will be performing a Comprehensive Diagnostic Panel or Prep Profile and a Blood Cell Count, Electrolytes and/or a Coagulation Profile on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that if an unforeseen problem shows up on the blood work, surgery may not be performed at this time. \_\_\_\_\_ **INITIALS**

**DENTISTRY:**

If extractions are necessary, would you like us to contact you first? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**FLEA CONTROL**

If fleas are found during physical exam of your pet, a flea control is **REQUIRED** to be administered, regardless if they are currently under a flea control program. I understand that it is **REQUIRED** and I am responsible for the cost. \_\_\_\_\_ **INITIALS**

I have reviewed the above material and am comfortable with allowing my pet to stay. I had all my questions answered and fully understand the procedures to be performed and the risks that may go along with them. I hereby state that I am the owner/agent and do authorize the associates of **Pressly Animal Hospital, PLLC** to perform the above said procedure(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRIMARY CONTACT NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SECONDARY CONTACT NUMBER**

# ***POST SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS***

## **CARE FOR YOUR PET FOLLOWING SPAY OR NEUTER:**

Your pet has undergone surgery and will experience some degree of trauma. The following will help answer the most common questions that arise after these operations. An animal's pain threshold is much higher than a human's; therefore, animals do not exhibit as much discomfort following surgery. **DO NOT ALLOW EXCESSIVE PLAYING, JUMPING OR RUNNING. THIS MAY DELAY THE NORMAL HEALING PROCESS.**

## **RECOVERY:**

Each animal recovers from anesthesia at a different rate. Some animals are back to normal within 24 hours, while others may take as long as three to four days to recuperate. Your pet will not be discharged from the hospital if he or she is unable to walk out; however some animals may still stagger slightly upon release. Your pet will recover from surgery faster if the convalescent time is spent at home. **ALL SPAYED AND NEUTERED DOGS AND CATS SHOULD BE CONFINED INDOORS AND NOT BATHED UNTIL THE INCISION IS HEALED (5-7 DAYS).**

## **FEEDING/MEDICATIONS:**

DO NOT FEED OR WATER YOUR PET FOR AT LEAST A FEW HOURS AFTER RETURNING HOME, AND ONLY OFFER A SMALL AMOUNT OF FOOD AND WATER TONIGHT. YOUR PET CAN EAT AND DRINK REGULARLY TOMORROW.

**BEGIN MEDICATIONS TONIGHT**    **BEGIN MEDICATIONS TOMORROW**    **NO MEDS**

## **THE INCISION:**

CHECK THE INCISION AT LEAST ONCE DAILY.

\* Animals will often lick at the site of the incision. This can be a result of itching from being closely shaven or irritation from the suture material.

### **AN ELIZABETHAN COLLAR IS RECOMMENDED. COST IS \$18 + TAX**

\* A small amount of hemorrhage, or swelling, will occasionally occur at the incision site. This occurs when blood pools under the skin. A drop of two of blood may discharge through the incision when your pet moves. If bleeding is excessive or continues for more than 24 hours, please notify us.

\* Occasionally a hard lump will appear at the site of the incision. This is often a reaction to the suture material or can be a result of blood pooling under the skin. If it gets noticeably larger, please call us.

## **SUTURES/STAPLES:**

All sutures are absorbable; therefore, no return visit for suture removal will be needed.

External sutures or staples are present. These need to be removed in 5-7 days.

Monitor your pet's status. You may observe decreased appetite or activity for one or two days. However, if your pet exhibits any of these symptoms, please contact the hospital immediately:

**WEAKNESS   VOMITING   DEPRESSION   DIARRHEA**