

Consent for Treatment and/or Admission

Client's Name _____ Pet's Name _____

Species _____ Breed _____ Sex ___ M CM F SF

I, the undersigned owner, authorized agent of the owner or Good Samaritan responsible for seeking veterinary care for the pet identified above, certify that **I am/I am not** (circle one) over **eighteen** years of age, and hereby consent to the following procedures or operations:

_____ of this pet by staff veterinarians at the Birdneck Animal Hospital. I understand that some risks always exist with anesthesia and/or surgery and that I am encouraged to discuss any concerns I have about those risks with the attending veterinarian before the procedure is initiated. Should some unexpected life-saving emergency care be required and the attending veterinarian be unable to reach me, this practice's staff has my permission to provide such treatment and I agree to pay for all related fees. I accept that veterinary medicine is an inexact science and that no guarantee of successful treatment has been made. I realize that even under the normal use of anesthetics a patient can have an unanticipated reaction that may even result in the death of the patient.

An **estimate** of the costs for veterinary services has been provided to me and I understand that I am encouraged to discuss all fees attendant to such care before services are rendered and during this pet's ongoing medical treatment. If my pet is hospitalized, I agree to pay a deposit of **50%** of the estimated fees and assume financial responsibility for the balance of all services rendered on a **cash, Visa, Master Card** or **check** basis at the time the pet is discharged from the hospital. In the event the pet is hospitalized for more than twenty-four hours, I understand it is my responsibility to call the hospital at least every twenty-four hours to inquire as to the medical status of my pet and the fees incurred for medical services up to that day. In the event of an open balance, I agree to make payment in full including a monthly financing fee equal to 1.5% of the unpaid balance.

I am familiar with Birdneck Animal Hospital's hours of operation. If my pet is hospitalized beyond the first day at this facility, I understand that veterinary care during nighttime hours, after 1:00 PM Thursdays, 2:00 PM Saturdays and all day Sundays is provided at the discretion of the attending veterinarian. Continuous presence of personnel is **not** provided during these hours.

I further agree that either I, or an authorized agent of mine, will pick up this pet and pay for all accrued charges within five days after receiving written or oral notification that this animal is ready to be released from the hospital. Such notice will be given at the address maintained on the hospital's patient/client record. I agree that if I fail to comply with this policy, this practice may handle this abandonment in the best interests of the pet and the hospital and I will be responsible for all fees incurred.

I understand that in order to maintain the safest possible environment, all patients must have current vaccinations and be free of internal and external parasites. Should any of these problems exist with my pet, I understand that they will be treated and I will be charged accordingly.

I understand that it is **extremely** important that I can be reached while my pet is in the hospital's care.

A number at which I can be reached: (_____) _____ - _____ .

Alternate number: (_____) _____ - _____ .

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent **Date**

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if owner is under 18 yrs old) **Date**

SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an anesthetic procedure. For the convenience of our clients, we have put together this packet to make "surgery" day as easy and stress-free as possible. Though your pet may not be actually having surgery, we will be referring to any daily procedure as "surgery day." In addition to this letter, you will find the following information:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Testing Information Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)
2. Consent for Treatment/Admission Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)

Please read carefully and sign where indicated all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

We require phone numbers where you can be reached surgery day.

Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery, or cause our inability to correct other problems that may arise.

The night before your pet's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 9:00pm.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor. If your pet receives insulin injections, discuss dosing with the doctor prior to the surgery date.**

Please drop off your pet on the morning of scheduled procedure at 8:30 AM, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions or concerns and collect the enclosed/completed Consent for Treatment/Admission Form.

If any questions or concerns arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Authorization Form.

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status at any time. Pre-anesthetic testing, such as blood-work, EKGs, and X-rays, are normally done the morning of the procedure. Anesthetic procedures usually get started around noon. Allow an hour or two for us to complete our procedures. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea of when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will review and collect all fees, and discuss the discharge instructions with you. If you do not understand any of the instructions, please do not hesitate to ask questions.

Our team understands that anesthesia and surgery can be an anxious time. We are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure. We will do our best to make surgery day as pleasant as possible for you and your pet.

PRE-ANESTHETIC TESTING INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination, and several pre-anesthetic tests to maximize patient safety. All pets receive at least a pre-anesthetic blood profile and ECG. The types and number of tests depend upon the pet's age, breed and health concerns.

The **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile** helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infection, diabetes, kidney or liver disease, as well as other conditions that could decrease the safety of the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a pre-anesthetic profile thus not allow 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 will be useful as a comparison should your pet's health change in the future.

**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.*

1. The Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile which includes:

- **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).

2. The Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG)

The **ECG** is a printout of the electrical activity of the heart. It allows us to detect arrhythmias, and can also indicate heart enlargement, as well as other cardiac problems.

3. Chest X-rays

All patients over ten years old, younger giant breed dogs, and pets with heart or lung problems have X-rays taken prior to anesthesia. This allows us to examine the size and shape of the heart, and gives us a glimpse of the health of the lungs.

We realize surgery and anesthesia can cause owners great anxiety. We attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and preanesthetic testing allow 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 Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic, injectable and/or inhalant medications to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that tailored for your individual pet's condition and procedure.

For short procedures, an injectable anesthetic(s) is/are given that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery. Sometimes a second injection is given after the procedure to reverse the effects of the anesthetic.

For most procedures, your pet is anesthetized with injectable medications and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. Anesthesia is maintained with Isoflurane, which is a very safe inhalant anesthetic. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways.

Monitoring & Pain Management-Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in many ways. A veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Also, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, blood oxygen level, and ECG. Also we monitor the patient's temperature, respiratory rate, and capillary refill time.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed home. All medication should be given as directed, even if it seems to you that your pet is not in pain. 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 highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. Intravenous fluids are administered to pets seven years old and older, and those with special needs. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia. Even younger pets can benefit from the fluids, as may be indicated by their preanesthetic blood work.

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.

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