

BUCKEYSTOWN VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Pre-Anesthetic Testing and Surgery Consent Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Client Name:

Patient Name:

Date:

I understand that all hospitalized animals must be current on the following vaccinations:

Dogs: DHPP, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Rabies

Cats: FVRCP and Rabies

All dogs over 6 months of age and not on heartworm prevention are *REQUIRED* to have a heartworm test prior to anesthesia at the owner's expense.

BLOODWORK

Your pet is scheduled for a procedure that requires anesthesia. We would like to take this opportunity to recommend preanesthetic testing and explain why it is important for your pet. Like you, our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before placing your pet under anesthesia, a veterinarian will perform a complete physical examination to identify any medical concerns that could complicate the procedure and compromise the health of your pet. Because there is always the possibility that a physical exam alone will not identify all potential health problems, we strongly recommend that bloodwork be performed prior to anesthesia. The tests we recommend are similar to, and equally important as, those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. While preanesthetic testing does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications, it will enable us to identify and manage relevant medical conditions in order to provide the best possible pre-, intra-, and postoperative care for your pet.

Please initial your choice(s) of the available options below and sign on the reverse side:

_____ **The combination of tests we recommend for the apparently healthy younger pet:**

- * Mini Chemistry: BUN, Creatinine, ALKP, ALT, Glucose, Protein, PCV
(evaluates liver/kidney function and hydration, screens for diabetes and anemia)

_____ **The combination of tests we recommend for older pets and pets with medical issues:**

- * Full Chemistry: BUN, Creatinine, ALKP, ALT, Glucose, Protein, Bilirubin, Phosphorus, Amylase, Cholesterol, Calcium, Electrolytes (evaluates liver, kidneys, and pancreas, hydration status, screens for diabetes and protein imbalance)
- * CBC (checks for anemia, infection/inflammation, blood clotting abnormalities)

_____ **I decline bloodwork**

IV CATHETER

We also offer the option of having an intravenous catheter placed in your pet for surgery. The catheter will allow us to administer fluids to your pet during the procedure (important for blood pressure support and hydration), as well as provide us with instantaneous venous access in case any problems should arise during or after anesthesia. Please note: catheter placement necessitates clipping a small area of hair on the foreleg. *Initial your choice below:*

_____ Please place an IV catheter; I understand there will be an additional cost of \$_____

_____ I decline the placement of an IV catheter in my pet.

(over)

PAIN MANAGEMENT

As a routine part of all surgeries, we include medication to help minimize pain intraoperatively. Nevertheless, it is not uncommon for some patients to experience a degree of pain in the postoperative period. We encourage you to elect extra postoperative pain medication for your pet to ensure maximal comfort. *Please initial your choice below:*

_____ I wish to have post-operative pain medication administered to my animal. I understand there will be an additional cost of \$_____

_____ Please use the routine regimen for pain control in my animal.

Please complete the recommended procedures as indicated above prior to administering anesthesia to my pet. If abnormalities are found or problems occur, contact me at the phone number(s) below.

Signature of owner or responsible agent

Emergency contact number

****ADDENDUM FOR JUVENILE SPAY/NEUTERS****

RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH

As part of our pre-anesthetic exam in young animals, we routinely check to see that all baby teeth have fallen out and been replaced by normal adult teeth (this should occur by 6 months of age). Retained baby teeth are very common and can lead to malalignment and damage of permanent teeth, which is why we recommend extracting any that are still present at or beyond 6 months. We evaluate the dentition of all juvenile cats and dogs after they are anesthetized; if retained baby teeth are found we can extract them at the time of the spay/neuter. *Please let us know what you would like us to do should we find any retained teeth in your pet by initialing below:*

_____ Go ahead and extract any retained baby teeth; I understand there will be a charge of \$_____ per tooth.

_____ I would like you to call me for permission prior to removing any teeth.

_____ Do not remove any teeth from my pet for any reason.

FLUORIDE & ORAVET TREATMENT

Young animals with minimal dental disease undergoing minor surgical procedures are ideal candidates for early prophylactic dental intervention. For an additional fee, a fluoride treatment can be applied to strengthen tooth enamel and the dental sealant Oravet can be applied to retard the buildup of plaque. Follow-up home application of Oravet every 2 weeks will prolong this benefit – if you are interested in learning to do this, please ask a doctor or technician for a demonstration at the time of your pet’s discharge. *Initial your preference below:*

_____ YES, please apply fluoride and Oravet to my pet’s teeth for a fee of \$_____

_____ NO, I decline fluoride and Oravet application.