

## PRE-ANESTHETIC/PRE-SURGICAL CLIENT INFORMATION

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### PREANESTHETIC TESTING

- **Blood work is mandatory for all anesthetic procedures** - your pet's safety is our top priority. *If blood work was not run prior to your pet's anesthetic event, it will be performed the morning of the scheduled procedure.* Pre-anesthetic bloodwork allows our doctors to screen your pet's vital internal organ function. We pay close attention to the health of the liver and kidneys. These organs are responsible for eliminating medications used to maintain anesthesia.
- A **preanesthetic electrocardiogram (EKG)** is recommended for all pets prior to general anesthesia. Anesthesia places added stress on the heart, making it important to identify underlying cardiac conditions that may not be heard with a stethoscope alone. We are able to complete this evaluation in a few short minutes prior to your pet's anesthetic procedure. If any of these results are abnormal, the veterinarian will call before performing any further procedures or treatment. **(\$49)**
- **Preanesthetic radiographs (x-rays)** of the chest are recommended for patients with a history of heart problems, heart murmurs, and those over the age of 7. A chest x-ray is used to evaluate heart size and shape, as well as to evaluate the lungs. **(\$49)**

*If you have any questions regarding pre-anesthetic testing, or your pet's upcoming procedure, please don't hesitate to call us at (724) 933-7387.*

### ELECTIVE PROCEDURES

- For the health of your pet and to prevent future problems, we will extract any **retained deciduous teeth** during your pet's procedure. (\$5-15/tooth)
- If your pet does not already have a **microchip**, we can implant one while he/she is under anesthesia. The cost includes registration in the searchable database, and makes your pet eligible for a lifetime dog license. **(\$49)**
- All pets under our care will receive **complimentary nail trims and ear cleaning** while under anesthesia.

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## **PRESURGICAL CHECKLIST**

1. If your pet develops any other problems or illness before his/her procedure, please contact us. These issues may need to be addressed before we can proceed with the planned procedure.
2. Pick up food by 10PM the night before your pet's procedure. Water is permitted through the night.
3. If your pet has been prescribed medication, give the morning dose with water (but no food or treats). If you have difficulty giving the medication, please bring it with you.
4. **Drop-off time for anesthetic patients is between 8:00 - 8:30AM.** If you need to drop off earlier, please make prior arrangements so that we may schedule accordingly and have staff available to admit your pet.
5. A signed permission form must be completed at time of drop-off. Please allow time for this in your schedule, so that it does not interfere with your morning routine. This form must be signed by the legal guardian/owner who is an adult over the age of eighteen years.
6. A surgery staff member will call you when your pet is in recovery. Please make sure you will be able to answer the phone number that you provide while your pet is under our care.
7. Anesthetic patients are usually ready to go home between late afternoon/early evening, but we will arrange a specific discharge time when we speak with you.

## **PAIN MANAGEMENT**

Research indicates that while pets may appear to withstand pain better than humans, they still experience it to a great degree. Your pet will receive analgesic drugs that will safely control the level of your pet's discomfort after surgery and during recovery at home. In addition, we use a Class IV Therapy Laser as a post-surgical treatment to provide prompt pain relief and encourage healing.

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## Why Use Cerenia?

If you have ever experienced general anesthesia, you may already know that nausea and vomiting are a common side effect experienced by many people. Did you know that our pets experience these side effects as well? That is why we recommend that your pet receive a dose of Cerenia (maropitant citrate) prior to his or her procedure.

Cerenia is the only FDA-approved medication for prevention of acute vomiting in dogs. It can be given to your pet prior to any sedative or pain medication and significantly reduce the risk of vomiting prior to, during, and even after surgery. This means a more comfortable experience for your pet, but also decreases the risk of aspiration pneumonia, which can happen when animals vomit under anesthesia.



The effects of this medication last up to 24 hours, so that means that your pet is much more likely to eat the night of a procedure and return to normal. Furthermore, most medications that are sent home with your pet are oral and require your pet to eat, so giving your pet Cerenia ensures that he or she will receive pain management and antibiotic medications once returning home.

Lastly, Cerenia works synergistically with other medications that will be used during your pet's procedure, decreasing the levels of anesthesia needed to keep your pet asleep and allowing your pet to recover faster and get home to you sooner!