

Pre-Anesthesia Instructions

Procedure Scheduled: _____

Date Scheduled: _____

Prior to Anesthesia:

Do not allow your pet to eat food or treats after 8 PM the night before anesthesia. Your pet may have water up until 12 AM. Continue your pet's regular meds, unless instructed not to do so.

Morning of Anesthesia

Bring your pet to the clinic between 7:15 and 7:45 AM. A secure carrier is required for cats at admission and discharge times; dogs must be on a leash/carrier. Please allow some time to complete paperwork and get your pet checked in. Please allow your pet to urinate and defecate prior to admission, unless instructed otherwise.

Pre-Anesthesia Blood Work Options

Blood panels are the most informative way of determining your pet's overall health. It is a valuable resource not only for diagnosing possible current abnormalities, but also provides baseline values if your pet's health status changes.

Every patient undergoing anesthesia at Community Animal Hospital has basic blood screening performed. It is included in the price of your pet's procedure. This screening consists of:

PCV(Hematocrit)—checks hydration status and for anemia.

TP(Total Protein)—indicates hydration status.

Glucose—tests for blood sugar.

Pre-Anesthesia Panel: recommended for all patients undergoing anesthesia. It is required for all pets 7 years and older. This screen includes all of the above and the following:

- **Complete Blood Cell Count (CBC)**—*Measures red and white blood cells and platelets. This gives an indication of your pet's hydration status, and tells us if your pet has anemia, infection or a potential clotting problem.*
- **Basic Chemistry Panel (BUN, Crea, Alk Phos, ALT)**—*tests for basic kidney, liver and general organ function. Elevations in these values can indicate underlying disease, allowing us to individually tailor your pet's anesthetic protocol. Cost: \$85.00*

General Health Profile: recommended for pets who are older or who have had previous health concerns. This screen includes all of the above and the following:

- **Full Chemistry Panel (BUN, Crea, Phos, Alk Phos, ALT, TP, Glucose, Calcium, Albumin, Amylase, Total Bilirubin, Cholesterol)**—*tests for function of the kidneys, liver, pancreas and can indicate certain endocrine disorders. This panel gives us a better picture of your pet's overall health. Cost: \$130.00*

Intravenous Fluids

IV fluids help maintain your pet's blood pressure while under anesthesia. This helps protect the kidneys and other organs. It also provides immediate access for emergency drugs in the unusual event they are needed. Our doctors think IV fluids are so important they are now included in the cost of all of our dentals, dog spays and neuters and cat spays. **Cost: \$30.00**

Sevofluorane Anesthesia

A newer gas anesthetic that is more rapidly processed by your pet, thus enabling a faster recovery. Sevofluorane is highly recommended for pets 7 years or older, and may be required for ill/critical patients. *Cost \$42.00*

ECG(electrocardiogram)

Checks if there are underlying cardiac arrhythmias. Can also aid in determining overall heart function. Recommended for pets 7 years or older and may be required if your pet has a pre-existing heart problem. *Cost: \$76.00*

Identification Microchip

A small chip encoded with a unique number is implanted under the skin over the shoulder blades. When scanned at a veterinarian's office or shelter your pet's id number is revealed. This number is linked to your personal contact information, helping your pet return home safely and quickly. Includes registration with CAR, the AKC's microchip database. *Cost: \$42.00*

E-Collar

In some cases your pet will be required to wear an E-collar (cone-shaped plastic collar) to prevent your animal from aggravating a treated area. E-collars are included in the cost of dog neuters. If your pet is prone to licking, we strongly recommend the purchase of an e-collar.

Pain Medication

If your pet undergoes a procedure that will cause post-operative pain, your pet will be sent home with oral pain medication. This is in addition to the injectable pain medication your pet received as part of the procedure.

Rabies Vaccination

Current rabies vaccination is required for all animals under going anesthesia or hospitalization. Proof of previous vaccination must be shown if given elsewhere. Unless your pet is too young or too ill, a rabies vaccination will be administered per veterinarian's discretion.

Species Specific Options

- **Dogs: Heartworm/Lyme disease/Ehrlichia/Anaplasma testing**—fast simple blood test that detects the presence of heartworm disease, a potentially fatal mosquito borne illness, and 3 potentially fatal tick borne diseases. Yearly testing highly recommended for all dogs over 6 months, especially if not on monthly heartworm prevention. *Cost: \$42.00*
- **Heartworm prevention:** Highly recommended for all dogs. Also treats for roundworms and hookworms, two common and potentially zoonotic (can transfer to humans) diseases. *Cost varies based on size and species of pet.*
- **Cats: Feline Leukemia/Feline AIDS/Heartworm testing**—fast simple blood test to detect the presence of two very common deadly viruses. Also tests for mature heartworm disease. *Cost: \$42.00*