

Animal Ark Pet Hospital
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Consent for Anesthesia / Surgery

Your pet, _____, is scheduled for anesthesia on ____/____/____. A physical examination will be performed on your pet before anesthesia is administered and your pet will receive anesthetic monitoring as appropriate during the procedure. However, some aspects of your pet's condition cannot be determined by a physical exam alone. Therefore, we highly recommend a pre-anesthetic blood screening profile to provide us with information on the most appropriate and safest anesthesia possible for your pet.

The blood screening will assess liver and kidney function, as these organs are vital to good health and are important in properly eliminating anesthetics from the body. It will also check your pet's glucose level, which will screen for diabetes or pre-diabetic conditions. Also, a CBC (complete blood count) will be performed to tell us about possible infections, inflammation, anemia and blood clotting ability.

We also offer a pre-operative EKG evaluation, which measures the heart's electrical impulses. While breathing and heart rate are closely monitored during the entire procedure, this test will help determine any pre-existing cardiac abnormalities.

For our "senior" patients we offer a more comprehensive pre-operative screening. This will include a complete chemical screening (kidney, liver, diabetes, hydration, protein, pancreas, etc.) a CBC, electrolytes and urinalysis (kidney, diabetes). In addition, we may also perform the pre-operative EKG.

It is important to understand that any pre-anesthetic testing does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications. It does, however, greatly reduce the risk of complications as well as identify conditions that could require medical treatment in the future.

Recent research has revealed a great deal about the way our pets perceive and display pain. Most anesthetic drugs used at our practice provide some analgesia (pain relief), which is sometimes sufficient to prevent post-operative discomfort. However, if we determine that your pet is experiencing significant post-operative pain, the doctor will administer additional pain relief as needed. Depending on the procedure, one injection may be sufficient. This has proven to be a safe and effective method of alleviating post-operative pain. This injection is included in routine procedures such as ovariohysterectomies (spays), castrations and declaws. The doctor may also find it necessary to send your pet home with some additional oral pain medication. Your pet's comfort is important to us!

- Please perform the pre-anesthetic blood screening
- Please perform the senior comprehensive profile, including urinalysis
- Please perform the pre-anesthetic EKG
- ***I understand the risks associated with anesthesia, but choose not to have these tests done. Please continue with the procedure.***

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURE MY PET WILL BE HAVING TODAY. I ALSO UNDERSTAND MY OPTIONS REGARDING PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD SCREENING AND EKG AND HAVE INDICATED MY CHOICES. I ALSO AM AWARE OF THE SITUATIONS REGARDING POST-OPERATIVE PAIN RELIEF AND WHEN, IF NECESSARY, IT WILL BE GIVEN. A RESPONSIBLE PARTY CAN BE REACHED AT THE NUMBER(S) BELOW ***BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 4:00 PM*** IN CASE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISE.

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone Number (s) _____