**Preparing Your Pet for Surgery**

**THESE FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND BROUGHT TO YOUR APPOINTMENT, OR WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ADMIT YOUR PET FOR SURGERY.**

Here are some suggestions to help you get your pet prepared for surgery:

1. **Withhold food**
* Do not give your pet anything to eat after 8 p.m. the night before the surgery.
* No need to withhold water.
1. **Arrival at the hospital**
	* Please be sure that your pet is brought to the hospital at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the surgery. If you are unable to arrive by 8:00 a.m. you may be asked to reschedule.
	* You will be asked if you desire the recommended pre-anesthetic blood work (Additional Fees Apply).
	* If your pet is sent home with an E-Collar there will be an additional charge based on size of the collar.
	* In cases of growth removals, it is ALWAYS RECOMMENDED to have a Histopathology performed. This is when a sample of the growth is sent to Cornell for identification. This will help us to determine if the mass was cancerous or not. If cancerous, this will help to determine if the mass has or will spread to other parts of the body. It will also tell us if the mass was completely removed.
2. **When will your pet be ready to go home?**
* The time and date of discharge depends on the type of surgery. Please ask Receptionist at drop off.
* Be sure to call before you come to pick your pet up.
1. **Medication**
	1. After the surgery, you will be given medication for your pet. Be sure

 to follow the instructions given with the medication. Devices for

 pilling cats and dogs are available at the animal hospital.

1. **Stitch removal**
	* In most cases, your pet will have to return in 10-14 days for stitch removal if stitches are used in the surgery.

Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Why does my pet need blood work if he appears to be healthy?** Even though our pets may appear to be healthy based on physical appearance and activity, many clinical signs of disease do not develop until late in the disease process. Pets cannot tell us when they do not feel 100% and because of their instinct to protect themselves, many animals will ‘hide’ their illness. A good example of this situation is a cat with kidney disease. This patient may be afflicted with kidney disease for months to years before developing signs of disease because a pet can lose up to 75% of kidney function before clinical signs will develop. Performing blood work will detect early changes in kidney enzymes and allow us to manage this disease properly – allowing the patient to live a longer and healthier life.

**When should my pet have blood work performed?** Pets of any age can have problems with their internal organs. Many young purebred cats and dogs will have congenital liver, kidney, and heart problems. As pets age, their immune system and health starts to decline, and they can have multiple organ problems.

**Any anesthetic/surgical procedure:** As discussed, a normal physical examination cannot give us complete confidence that the internal organs are working properly. While the anesthetics that we use are extremely safe for your pet and therefore minimize risk, if a pet is not completely healthy then potential complications can occur both during and after the anesthetic procedure. Pre-anesthetic blood work can alert us to any hidden problems that your pet may have. With this knowledge, we may elect to forego the anesthetic/surgical procedure, modify the anesthetic regimen, or change your pet’s medication. While performing blood work cannot guarantee that your pet will not have any problems with the anesthesia or surgical procedure, it can significantly minimize the risk to your pet and give both of us peace of mind.

**Young Animals (Spays & Castrations):** Blood work is recommended for young pets undergoing any anesthetic/surgical procedure. Also, if a problem such as liver or kidney disease is suspected, then blood work will help to identify this. A significant percentage of young animals, especially purebred dogs and cats can have congenital or hereditary problems such as portosystemic shunts (liver), kidney disease, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), and diabetes.

**Mature Adults:** While most pets experience the best health of their lives between the ages of two and six years of age; stress, illnesses, and poor nutrition can affect and potentially cause disease to their organs. Blood work at this point will detect these early changes and provide a good baseline for comparison to later in the pet’s life. Treatment is usually the most effective when begun in the early stages of the disease process.

**Senior and Geriatric Pets:** We feel that blood work is of critical importance for our older pets. For giant dog breeds, senior status is attained at five to six years of age. Yes, we do not like to admit it, but our pets are senior citizens at six years of age. Because of rapid aging changes at this stage of your pet’s life, we highly recommend blood work on an annual basis. We can compare current and previous blood results in order to evaluate the process of a disease and its response to therapy. Common diseases include heart disease, liver and kidney disease, arthritis, diabetes, thyroid disease, and dental (tooth) disease. Advances in medical diagnostics and treatment enable us to help your pet be more comfortable and to prolong its life. New pain management medications also help pets with chronic pain have a better quality of life. In addition to medications, appropriate nutrition for your pet’s condition will also prolong its lifespan.

**If my pet’s blood work is normal, then have I wasted my money?** Absolutely not. A normal result on blood work is great! We now have a baseline for how your pet is doing. If future blood work reveals changes, then we can tell how long the problem has been going on are assured that we are indeed catching the problem early. Normal blood work results give both of us peace of mind that your pet is doing well.

**ANESTHETIC RELEASE/SURGERY AUTHORIZATION**

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND BROUGHT TO YOUR APPOINTMENT, OR WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ADMIT YOUR PET FOR SURGERY.**

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am the owner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have authority to execute this consent. I hereby consent and authorize Dr. Robert Wilcox and his staff at Dewitt Animal Hospital, PC to perform the following procedure(s):

- The nature(s) of the procedure(s) have been explained to me and I understand what will be done. ***INITIALS*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

- I have also been informed that there are certain risks and complications associated with any procedure of this type which have been explained to me as well. I further understand that during the course of the procedure, unforeseen conditions may arise that may necessitate the performance of additional procedures and will not relieve me from any obligation to all reasonable costs incurred. ***INITIALS*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

- All animals admitted must be free of external parasites. Any animals found to have fleas or ticks will be treated at the owner's expense.***INITIALS\_*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

- Payment is necessary before patients can be released from the Hospital. ***INITIALS*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

- I understand that there will be an additional fee if it is necessary for my pet to have an Elizabethan Collar (E-Collar, Cone). ***INITIALS*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES**

**Our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. There are optional items that we offer to help make the procedure safer for your animal. While these options are not required, they are recommended by the Doctor.**

Please read and check yes or no to the options listed below.

**Pre-Anesthesia Blood Work**

This is lab work that is performed on a blood sample to help determine if your pet is healthy enough for general anesthesia. It may detect conditions that are not evident upon a Physical Exam. Dewitt Animal Hospital, PC recommends pre-anesthesia blood work for all patients undergoing anesthesia. Even with this blood work being performed there remains risks involved with anesthesia. However, this blood work will provide an extra margin of safety during the procedure and allow us to tailor the anesthesia to your animal's specific needs.

**\*\*\*PLEASE SEE/FILL OUT REVERSE SIDE FOR BLOOD WORK OPTIONS\*\*\***

**Histopathology**

In the cases of growth removals, it is recommended to have a sample sent to Cornell to be identified. This can be performed on all growths that are being removed. This will help us determine if the mass is cancerous or not. If cancerous, this will help determine if the mass has or will spread to other parts of the body. It will also let us know if the mass was completely removed. It is ALWAYS RECOMMENDED in ALL cases of growth removals.

**The fee for this identification is $175.00. [ ]  Yes [ ]  No**

**Teeth Cleaning**

While your pet is under anesthesia, you can elect to have their teeth cleaned. This includes a full dental exam and a dental scaling.

**The fee for this is $241.50.** [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

**Sanos Dental Sealant**

Sanos is a dental barrier sealant designed for dogs and cats to extend the benefits of the dental cleaning. The fees for this optional sealant are:

**Cats and Dogs up to 25 pounds is $82.68. Dogs up to 50 pounds is $93.71. Dogs over 50 pounds is $104.74** [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

If you are electing for the dental cleaning:

Unforeseen tooth extractions may be deemed necessary by the Veterinarian during the dental cleaning. The charge(s) for this will vary based on the type of extraction needed. ***INITIALS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability:**

Has your pet been eating and drinking normal lately? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Have there been any behavior changes? **[ ]  Yes [ ]  No**

Have there been any abnormal weight changes? [ ]  **Yes [ ]  No**

When was the last Flea Preventative Applied? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What product? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your pet on any medications? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**  If so, was it given today? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Has your pet had previous anesthesia, other than here? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**  If so, where there any problems? **[ ]  Yes [ ]  No**

Was food withheld this morning? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**

Are there any problems that you are aware of? [ ]  **Yes** [ ]  **No**  If yes, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For female dogs, when did her last heat begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In addition, while my pet is here today, I would like the following services performed:

[ ]  Ear Cleaning ($8.93) [ ]  Heartworm Test ($46.20) [ ] Vaccinations (prices vary)

[ ]  Nail Trim ($17.06) [ ]  Anal Sac Expression ($33.60) [ ]  Heartworm/Lyme Test ($63.00) [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Owner/Agent: Phone Number:**

*DeWitt Animal Hospital, P.C.*

*5620 Thompson Road*

*DeWitt, NY 13214*

Pre-anesthetic Bloodwork Consent Form

I acknowledge that my pet is scheduled for an anesthetic procedure. I have been informed that advances in anesthesia and anesthetic monitoring techniques have made routine procedures relatively safe, with low rates of complications. However, I understand that occasional problems can occur due to pre-existing conditions that are not evident during routine histories and physical examinations. To minimize problems, Dewitt Animal Hospital, P.C. recommends that my pet be screened prior to anesthesia. Our laboratory is fully equipped so the results can be available prior to your pet being placed under anesthesia.

\_\_\_\_\_The best option for this blood work is the **Pre-Anesthesia Profile**. This option includes the CBC, Chemistry Panel, T4, and PT & aPTT (see below for descriptions). ($216.56) *If you would not like to do the full panel (above) at this time, you may also choose from the individual options below.*

**\_\_\_\_ CBC** test provides us with important information regarding your pet's blood cells, mainly Red Blood Cells, White Blood Cells and Platelets. Red blood cells provide information regarding your pet's oxygen-carrying ability. White blood cells show us information about your pet's immune system and overall health. Platelets are important to evaluate the ability of blood to clot properly. All these values can be affected by certain diseases and infections. ($38.00)
\_\_\_\_ **Chemistry Panel** provides useful indicators regarding your pet's overall organ health. The Chemistry panel evaluates your pet's liver, kidneys, and intestines. ($69.96)

**\_\_\_\_ Prep Profile** also provides useful indicators regarding your pet's overall organ health; however, this profile is less extensive than the Chemistry Panel (above). ($59.55

\_\_\_\_ **T4** test provides us with information regarding your pet's thyroid function. ($63.60)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clotting Test** (PT & aPTT) Only. This bloodwork helps us to determine your pet's ability to clot during and after its surgery. ($45.00)

*If you are declining all preanesthetic diagnostic tests today, please initial below.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby decline all of the above recommended preanesthetic diagnostic tests and, in the

(initials) absence of negligence, agree to hold the Doctor and staff at Dewitt Animal Hospital, P.C. harmless for any untoward anesthetic, surgical, or medical complications that might have been detected and avoided had these tests been performed.

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