

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information form

Please read Carefully

Our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we routinely perform a full physical examination. We also highly recommend and sometimes require a **Pre-Anesthetic blood profile** be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile helps alert our surgeon to the presence of dehydration, anemia, infections, diabetes, kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected without pre-anesthetic profile thus not allowing for the most appropriate and safest anesthetic regime to be administered. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests may be useful if your pet's health changes to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

Pre-Anesthetic Profile includes:

- CBC: PCV(Anemia), White blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red blood cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- Profile: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance)

If the patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done prior to the procedure.

If you choose to decline the recommended blood work at this time a signature will be required on the Authorization form, which states that you have elected to decline Blood work and understand that there could be risks proceeding with the procedure.

For Felines we highly recommend blood testing for FeLV/FIV at least once in their lives because feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline Aids) are viruses for which no cure exists. If your pet goes outside, we recommend administering the Feline Leukemia Vaccine as well. Please give us a call if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to learn more about Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids.

We realize surgery and anesthesia are scary for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make surgery day as safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and blood work are done prior to any surgical procedure which allows us to best minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize patient safety.

If you have any questions or hesitations about the scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to call us to discuss any aspects of the upcoming procedure.