



Surgery Information Packet

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for surgery. In our attempt to assist you, we have put together the following information to make surgery day as easy and free of stress as possible. In addition to this letter, you will find that the following information is included:

1. Surgical Consent Form (**Please bring in day of surgery**)
2. Surgical Information Sheet

Please go over all the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (843)571-7095.

On your pet's surgery day you will be required to review and sign an **Estimate Form** and **Owner Release Statement**.

Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.

The night before your pet's surgery we ask that **withhold all food and water after the time recommended by our staff**. If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, please check with our staff to see if they should be administered the morning of surgery or withheld until the next dose is due.

The morning of surgery your pet should be **dropped off between 8:30– 9:00am** unless other arrangements have been made in advance. **We do not open until 8:30 am**. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of the procedure and may not have an appointment until later.

A veterinary technician will then escort your pet to the kennel area to wait for their surgery. If you have elected to have any of the recommended blood tests performed, the technician will collect the blood sample and have the tests done prior to the start of surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Owner Release statement.

Surgeries are normally performed between 9:00am and 3:00pm. We will call you to let you know how your pet's surgery went and approximately what time they will be able to go home after recovering from anesthesia. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will charge you out and the veterinary technician will go over all discharge orders. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about these instructions or the procedure your pet had.

We look forward to seeing you!
West Ashley Veterinary Clinic



SURGICAL CONSENT FORM

Animal's Name: _____ **Owner's Name:** _____

Because your animal is undergoing anesthesia today, we need to know if there have been any changes in your pet's overall health recently.

Appetite: less than normal normal more than normal change in food

Water Intake: less than normal normal more than normal

Urination: less frequently average more frequently

Defecation: diarrhea loose stools normal stools hard stools

Vomiting: No Yes: _____

Coughing: No Yes: _____

Has your pet ever had a seizure? No Yes: _____

Is your pet on any medications? No Yes: _____

Has your pet had any food or water in the last 12 hours? No Yes

Pre-anesthetic Bloodwork Consent

Our clinic offers pre-anesthetic bloodwork for any animal undergoing anesthesia. Animals over 8 years of age are required to have this bloodwork done, but for any animal under 8 years of age this test remains optional. We highly recommend bloodwork that tests your pet's liver and kidneys, along with other blood levels, to determine if he/she is in good health and able to metabolize the anesthesia we administer. Although this testing does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications, it may greatly reduce the risk of these complications as well as identify medical conditions that could require medical treatment in the future.

Yes, I give permission for West Ashley Veterinary Clinic to complete the recommended testing prior to administering anesthesia to my pet. I would like to be called if any abnormalities are found.

No, I decline the recommended pre-anesthetic tests at this time and request you proceed with anesthesia. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical exam alone. I understand that my pet's health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia.

Signature of Owner or Representative

Date

Microchip Consent

10 million pets get lost every year. Without identification, 90% do not return home. Our clinic offers microchipping by HomeAgain. This is a permanent means of identification in the form of a tiny chip the size of a grain of rice that is implanted under the skin between your pet's shoulder blades. Individual numbers are registered into the national database managed by the HomeAgain Pet Recovery service. When a lost pet arrives at a participating animal shelter or clinic, a Universal Scanner is used to identify the unique encoded number on the implanted microchip and the owner is identified and contacted immediately. We can implant a microchip while your pet is sedated for \$58.00, which includes the enrollment and registration fees.

Yes, I authorize West Ashley Veterinary Clinic to implant a microchip in my pet today.

No, I do not wish to have a microchip implanted in my pet today.

My pet is already microchipped.

Signature of Owner or Representative

Date



Surgical Information Sheet

Anesthetic Procedures and Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications and injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

For very short procedures, an injectable anesthetic is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

For most procedures, your pet is anesthetized with an injectable sedation and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Isoflorane.

Monitoring and Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, blood pressure, core and rectal temperature.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, surgery patients are given pain control as warranted. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed for you to administer at home.

Additional information will be given to you at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced by your pet and aid in a quicker recovery.

Intravenous Catheterization and Fluids

We highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick, available access to administer drugs and fluids in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system, prevent dehydration and aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

Potential Surgical Complications

Canine and Feline Spay

- Bleeding
- Suture reactions
- Infection
- Weight gain
- Urinary incontinence

Feline Declaw

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Limping

Tumor/Lump Removal

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Swelling and drainage
- Suture reaction

Canine and Feline Neuter

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Scrotal swelling
- Suture reaction (canine only)

Dental

- Bleeding
- Loss of appetite
- Pain from extractions

Orthopedic Procedures

(Cruciate Repair, Fracture Repair)
Additional instructions will be given!

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Suture reaction