

## **PRESURGICAL AND SEDATION INFORMATION**

**SURGERY DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR YOUR PET:**

- 1) No food after 8:00pm the night before the procedure.
- 2) No water after 7:00am the day of the procedure.
- 3) Drop off times are 7:30–9:00am the day of the procedure.
- 4) Please plan to spend 5–10 minutes at drop off to fill out a surgical release and to provide us with all the information necessary to contact you if we have any questions while your pet is here.

**PREOP BLOODWORK:** This bloodwork checks for any problems with liver and kidney function, which are the primary organs involved in anesthesia processing. The bloodwork can also help detect problems with anemia and protein to help determine healing capacity. It is recommended for all patients, and required for patients over five years of age. The cost for this valuable test is \$50.60.

**AVID CHIP:** This is a microchip inserted under the skin and is used as an identification device in case the pet is lost. Area humane societies and Animal Control can check for this ID type. The cost for this is \$65.80 which includes registration (mailed in by client) and can be inserted while your pet is under sedation.

**CAT LITTER:** Some pets may need paper litter for three to five days to prevent litter from getting in the incisions. We recommend a product called Yesterday's News (recycled newspaper in pellet form) since some cats don't like shredded paper. If you would like some shredded paper, we can gladly provide you with some.

**PAIN MEDICATION:** Depending upon the type of surgery performed, your pet may receive pain medication in the form of an injection. Some relatively non-painful surgeries are not given pain medication. Clients can request additional pain medication in the form of tablets to go home or injections during and after surgery. The charge is anywhere from \$20.00–\$35.00.

**CALL BACKS:** You can call and check on your pet's progress after 3pm the day of surgery.

**PICKUPS:** Most surgeries will spend the night after sedation with us. This is because your pet will still be very groggy and disoriented which could result in injury if left alone. Dentals, minor surgeries, and sedations will go home after 5:30pm the day of surgery. Spays and neuters can be picked up after 10:30am the next day, unless other arrangements are ok'd by the doctor. Declaws, we prefer staying until 5:30pm the next day.

**AFTERCARE:** We will discuss the type of care your pet will need with you after surgery. For most surgeries, we do recommend confinement in a small area such as a crate, a small room, or boarding here. This will help prevent post surgical complications.