

**PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO DROPPING YOUR PET OFF FOR SURGERY. THANK YOU.**

Surgical Instructions:

- 1) Drop off for your pet's surgical procedure is at 8am, no earlier. Please plan on being here for approximately 10 minutes while the surgical team goes over paperwork with you.
- 2) Do not feed your pet after 8pm the night before surgery. It is okay for them to have water up until they leave the house in the morning.
- 3) Distemper and Rabies vaccinations must be current. If vaccines were done elsewhere, please bring the history of vaccination from your previous clinic.
- 4) Please be sure to allow your dog to go outside to urinate or defecate prior to coming into the clinic.

Anesthesia Risks:

Procedures that are requiring anesthesia are always associated with a certain amount of risk, whether the patient is a person or a pet. Like you, we want to minimize that risk as much as possible and that requires a physical exam and pre-anesthetic tests. Advances in anesthesia have made elective procedures safer; however, complications can arise because of pre-existing conditions not evident during previous examinations. In certain rare circumstances a condition may exist that is not evident on physical examination or pre-anesthetic screening, which could result in anesthetic complications, including death.

Pre-Anesthetic Testing:

If your pet has no outward physical problems, we recommend a complete blood cell count and a pre-anesthetic blood profile. A mini-chem (\$147.00) for younger animals and a full profile (\$195.00) for older pets (6 years & up for giant breed pets and 8 years & up for other dogs and cats). This blood work will evaluate your pet for underlying infections, anemia, liver, kidney or intestinal diseases. We recommend this anesthetic testing in order to get a complete picture of the internal health of your pet. In some cases, we require this bloodwork. If the results of the pre-anesthetic tests are within normal ranges, we can proceed with confidence knowing the anesthetic risk is minimized. On the other hand, test abnormalities may be significant enough to postpone the procedure in order to monitor and medically treat your pet. We also recommend a 4DX test (\$85.00) for dogs (heartworm/lyme/anaplasmosis/ehrlichia) and a feline leukemia/FIV test for cats (\$94.00). Although performing all of these tests cannot guarantee the absence of complications, it can significantly minimize the risk to your pet and provide you and our staff with some peace of mind. While we leave the choice up to you, we strongly recommend the pre-anesthetic testing as we feel it is very important to your pet's health. A technician will call you a few days prior to your pet's surgical procedure to discuss your options with you. If you know that you do want to have pre-surgical bloodwork done on your pet, we recommend setting up a technician appointment several days prior to your pet's surgery. There is only the charge for the bloodwork at that time.

Contact:

It is vital that we are able to get ahold of you while your pet is with us in case of emergency and/or to discuss additional care and recommendations while your pet is under anesthesia. The technician will ask you for a phone number where you can be reached between 8am and 2pm at the time of check-in.

Please call us at 651-768-0200 if you have any questions prior to surgery. Adult owner authorization is required at time of check-in. Check in can take up to ten minutes. Please allow for adequate time. We look forward to caring for your pet!

## **Consent for CPR or DNR Cottage Grove Animal Hospital**

You are being presented with this form because your pet is sick or injured and is being hospitalized OR your pet will be undergoing an anesthetic procedure. While hospitalized, if your pet suffers respiratory arrest (stops breathing) or cardiac arrest (the heart stops), we need to know your wishes concerning treatment. If either respiratory arrest or cardiac arrest occurs, your pet will die unless immediate resuscitation attempts are started.

CPR means "Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation" and is the treatment (resuscitation) of a pet who has stopped breathing or whose heart has stopped beating. Resuscitation of a pet who has stopped breathing but still has a heartbeat is more likely to succeed than resuscitation of a pet with no heartbeat.

DNR means "Do Not Resuscitate." This means that if a pet stops breathing or his/her heart stops, no effort will be made to attempt to revive the pet, and the pet will die.

Animals that have been successfully resuscitated are extremely critical and unstable. The likelihood of re-arrest is high and usually occurs within 4 hours of the initial arrest. If resuscitation is successful, there is only about a 20% chance that a pet will stay alive for the first 4 hours after resuscitation. The percentage of long term survival is even lower, and may be as low as 1%, depending upon what caused the arrest. Brain damage is common due to temporary lack of oxygen to the brain, which can result in blindness and/or impaired mental function, leaving a pet with physical and/or mental disabilities. This impairment may last for days, weeks, or years. Even in human medicine, statistics show that less than 10% of patients who are successfully resuscitated will leave the hospital without some degree of brain damage (contrary to what the television shows lead us to believe).

Management of a pet after successful initial resuscitation requires vigilant monitoring for 24 to 48 hours. This care is costly and the outcome is uncertain because a pet will still have the underlying serious problem that led to the arrest; that disease or injury must also be treated as we attempt to stabilize the pet. Pets will likely need to be transferred to a 24-hour emergency facility to be monitored.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE INFORMATION ABOVE OR HAD IT EXPLAINED TO MY SATISFACTION.**

**I REQUEST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Client Initials) - I authorize the staff of Cottage Grove Animal Hospital to perform CPR on my pet if my pet suffers cardiac or pulmonary arrest. I understand that my pet may not respond and arrest again. I understand that despite the staff's best efforts my pet may die. CPR will incur additional charges.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Client Initials) - I do NOT want CPR performed on my pet. I understand that if my pet stops breathing and/or his/her heart stops beating that my pet will die unless CPR is performed. I elect to have DNR orders placed on my pet's record today for this treatment and that no life-saving measures be performed on my pet if he/she arrests while in the hospital.

Signature of Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Doctor/Tech reviewing with Client: \_\_\_\_\_