

# SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery in the near future. In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together this packet to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

In addition to this letter, you will find that the following information has been enclosed:

1. Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Information Form
2. Surgical Information Sheet
3. Surgical Procedure Release Form (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pet's surgery day, we require you to review and sign a **Surgical Procedure Release Form** which allows you to choose optional services.

We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day.

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

The night before your pet's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 12:00am.**
- **Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, Withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of scheduled surgery, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. In some cases, new clients or those requiring preoperative blood tests may be required to have a pre-surgical visit prior to the procedure date. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Surgical Procedure Release Form**.

If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Release Form.

You are welcome to check up on your pet's status, however, we request that you allow plenty of time for your pet's procedure to be done. At this time, we will be able to give you an idea when your pet may be discharged. When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will bill you out and the veterinary nurse will go over all discharge orders verbally and give you a written copy. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more time.

If your pet requires post surgical wear to prevent them from licking their incision site there are a few options available. We have the traditional E-collars available in the hospital but there are also alternatives such as shirts and topical lick deterrents that can be ordered for your pet.

Such as, <https://medicalpetshirts.com/> or

<https://www.vetmedsolutions.ca/collections/vetmedwear-recovery-wear>.

We ask that if you order at least 5 business days prior to your pet's procedure to ensure you item is here on time.

We hope surgery day will be a pleasant experience. Remember, our team knows surgery can be an anxious time and we are always available to answer any and all questions concerning the upcoming procedure.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and years to come.

# 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 that 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, infection, diabetes and/or kidney or liver disease that could complicate the procedure. These conditions may not be detected **without** a 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.

**\*We send our samples to a lab for analysis, therefore pre-anesthetic testing must be done at least one day prior to procedure.**

Pre-Operative blood work consists of

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which 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), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).
- ❖ These tests have been selected because they give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients.
  - ❖ ALL patients over 5 years will be required to have a pre-operative blood test.
  - ❖ If the patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile will be required.

On the **Surgical Procedure Release Form** our feline owners who elect to have pre-op testing will see a **FeLV/FIV Test** 'add on' option. (*'add-ons' are tests the lab offers at a lower price when coupled with a general wellness workup*) We highly recommend this test be performed on all feline patients 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 ask questions if 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 done prior to any surgical procedure allows us to best minimize anesthetic and surgical risks and maximize patient safety.

**\*\*If you would like testing for your pet please call the clinic to make an appointment to have a sample taken at least one day prior to procedure.\*\***

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

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# SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

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## Anesthetic Procedures

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

**For 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 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.

**For procedures that require longer sedation**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation and anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic. We use Isoflurane, which is very safe and is not metabolized by the body. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth and it is less irritating to the airways. Another advantage to Isoflurane is a quick induction using a mask verses using injectable anesthetics that require metabolism from the body.

**Monitoring & 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, core and rectal temperature.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication will be prescribed for home. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quicker recovery.

## Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

The placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids is standard protocol during all surgical procedures (except feline neuters). This allows us to have quick, available access to the circulatory system (blood) in case of an unforeseen emergency. The fluids help provide support to the circulatory system and prevent dehydration, as well as aid in a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.**

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# BARTON GRAYS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

188 Barton Street, Stoney Creek ON. Phone: 905-664-8387

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## Surgical Procedure Release Form

Owner's Name/Owner's agent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccination Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that I am the owner or agent for the owner of the animal described above and I hereby authorize the veterinarians of Barton Grays Animal Hospital to perform the following procedure(s) on the animal described above.

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Preoperative blood test @ Extra Cost \$90.00	Yes ( ) No ( )
FIV/FelV "add on" test @ Extra Cost \$50.00 (Feline Only)	Yes ( ) No ( )
Elizabethan Collar @ Extra Cost \$12-20.00	Yes ( ) No ( )
Microchip @ Extra cost \$45.00	Yes ( ) No ( )
Sub Cutaneous fluids @ Extra cost \$30.00 (Feline Neuter)	Yes ( ) No ( )
Has your pet eaten in last 10 hours or not?	Yes ( ) No ( )
I certify that my cat is and will remain a strictly indoor pet. (Onychectomy)	Yes ( ) No ( )

Preoperative blood work is required for all pets 4 years of age and older.

There will be an extra charge for cats and dogs in heat at the time of spay surgery.

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I understand the nature and purpose of the procedure(s), risks involved and possible complications that could arise, and I do hereby now and forever release Barton Grays Animal Hospital, its veterinarians, agents and representatives from all responsibility and liabilities arising from said surgery on said animal and risks involved with them. I realized that there can be no guarantee as to the animal condition or the outcome of any procedure. In particular, I have been advised that the procedure requires anesthesia and there is a possible risk of death every time an anesthetic is used. In the event any complication arises and I cannot be immediately available, you are directed to make the decision you deem best for the welfare of my pet at additional cost. Overnight monitoring is not available in this hospital and it is always in the best interest of your pet to have him transferred to emergency hospital for continuous monitoring and uninterrupted care in serious conditions. Barton Grays Animal Hospital, its veterinarians, agents and representatives will not be held responsible for any misfortune that might happen during the night time. I further realize that I am responsible for payment in full for the procedures and treatments performed on my pet and all payments are due at the time of services rendered.

Owner/Owner's agent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency/Daytime contact number: \_\_\_\_\_