



# WELCOME

to

## Homestead Veterinary Hospital



### SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Client,

If 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.

Please read carefully all the information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On your pets' surgery day, we require you to review and sign an Authorization/Estimate 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, treats and water after 10:00pm.**
- **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 between 8:00 - 8:30 am, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical visit the morning of procedure and may have a later appointment. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and complete the Authorization Form.

Our Registered Veterinary Technicians will escort your pet to the surgical prep area to place an IV Catheter for their surgery. If you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, our technicians will also collect all blood samples and tests prior to surgery. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Authorization 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 technician will go over the discharge instructions and the charges with you and give you a written copy. Our receptionist will then check you out while the technician, brings your pet out. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask them to go over them one more 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 Doctors 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 protocol 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 in the future. State of the art equipment enables us to perform the pre-anesthetic blood profile at our hospital. The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet's surgery date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

- **The Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Chemistry Panel** includes:
  - **CBC:** PCV (Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection) & Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
  - **Chemistry Panel:** BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).

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