

**Murphy Road Animal Hospital, P.C.**  
**DENTAL PROCEDURE INFORMATION PACKET**

Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming dental procedure in the near future. In our attempt to assist clients, we have put together this packet to make going to the dentist 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 (**Bring in Day of Dentistry**)
2. Dental Information Form (**Bring in Day of Dentistry**)

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. On the day of your pet's procedure, 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 that day.

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

**THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PET'S DENTAL PROCEDURE...**

- **Withhold all food and treats after 9:00 pm.**
- **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 dental **between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.**, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-dental visit the morning of procedure and may not have an appointment until later. At time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Authorization Form**.

Our veterinary nurse will escort your pet to our hospital area to wait for its procedure. If you have elected any of the recommended blood tests, our nurse will collect all blood samples and tests prior to the procedure.

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, the doctor will notify you by your choice of either telephone or text message after the procedure is completed, and at this time, we may be able to give you an idea when your pet may be discharged. When

you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will request payment for your pet's services. 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.

We hope your pet's day at the dentist will be a pleasant experience. Remember, our team knows that general anesthesia 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 this day and for 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 doctor 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 sometime in the future, enabling us to develop faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatments.

*\*State of the art equipment enables us to perform the pre-anesthetic blood profile at our hospital and we are committed to making this technology available to our patients.*

The **Authorization Form** you will sign on your pet's dental procedure date will offer pre-anesthetic blood work.

1. **The Quantitative Blood Count (QBC) and Pre-Anesthetic Profile** which may include:

- **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).

2. If the **You Elect to Decline** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time, but request that we proceed with the procedure, you will be asked to sign indicating that you are declining the recommended tests.

You will notice other tests available that are not included in the above choices. We have selected tests that give the doctors a suitable overview of healthy patients. However, if the patients are in their senior years (above 7 years old) or are sick, the FULL senior profile can be done, usually a few days before the procedure at the owner's request. We will include the costs of these tests in your estimate of charges.

On the **Feline Patient Authorization Form**, our feline owners will see a **FeLV/FIV Test** option. 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 anesthesia is intimidating for both the owner and patient and we attempt to make this day as safe and comfortable for all involved. The physical examination and blood work done prior to any dental procedure allows us to best minimize anesthetic 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.

## **DENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

### **Anesthetic Procedures & Risks**

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. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic, Isoflurane, which is very safe. This allows us to have more control over anesthetic depth.

**For procedures that require minimum sedation**, an injectable anesthetic is given that produces a good plane of sedation with quick recovery.

**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 monitor heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, temperature and blood pressure.

Our doctors strongly believe in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all patients requiring extensive dental surgery patients will receive pain management before, during and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed 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**

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 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.

### **Potential Complications**

1. Bleeding
2. Infection
- 3 Anesthetic reactions

**It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic 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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