

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 require that a Pre-Anesthetic Blood Profile be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia in the clinic to maximize patient safety. Because of logistics, on farm calls we are often not able to provide this testing prior to anesthesia since we do not have the capability to run labwork on our farm vehicles.

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 regimen. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia. In addition, these tests may be useful as baseline values if in the future your animal's health status changes.

The Authorization Form you will sign on your animal's surgery date will required and optional pre-anesthetic blood work.

- CBC: PCV(Anemia), White Blood Cell Count (Infection), and Red Blood Cell Count (Anemia/Bleeding Disorder), Platelet Count (Clotting Disorder)
- Pre-Anesthetic Profile: BUN and Creatinine (Kidney), ALKP and ALT (Liver), Glucose (Sugar), Total Protein (Dehydration), and Electrolytes (Imbalance).
- Diagnostic Panel: More complete profile including additional liver enzymes, tests specific to the pancreas as well as mineral values.

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 cat goes outside, we also recommend vaccinating against feline leukemia. 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 have any questions or concerns about the scheduled procedure, please do not hesitate to call us to discuss any aspect of the upcoming procedure.