

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. Surgical Information Sheet (**Bring in Day of Surgery**)
2. Surgical Consent 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 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 and treats after 9:00pm.**
- **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. For example, new clients are required to have a pre-surgical 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 the surgical prepping area to wait for their surgery. If your pet has not had their blood test already performed, our nurse will 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 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. 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.

SURGICAL 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.

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

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 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 place 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 Surgical Complications

1. Canine and Feline Spay

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Recurrent Heat 4. Urinary Incontinence 5. Weight Gain 6. Suture Reactions

2. Canine and Feline Neuter

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Testicular Swelling 4. Suture Reaction (Canine Only)

3. Feline Declaw

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Limping/Lameness 4. Re-growth of Nail

4. Tumor/Lump Removal

1. Bleeding 2. Infection 3. Swelling and Drainage 4. Suture Reaction

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.

CLIENT INITIALS _____

RENO HOSPITAL FOR CATS SURGICAL CONSENT FORM

Reno Hospital for Cats
865 East Peckham Lane

Reno, NV 89502-4718
(775) 827-3033

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the owner or the authorized agent of the above animal. I give Reno Hospital for Cats, their doctors, technicians, staff, etc., authority to perform the procedure described below:

Procedure:

I do forever release the doctors, their agents, employees and/or representatives from any and all liability arising from the above procedure on said animal. I understand that my pet is undergoing general anesthesia and this is always associated with a certain amount of risk. To minimize risk, a full physical exam must be preformed and pre-anesthetic blood work is advised. Please note that any additional overnight stay not included with the procedure will include a hospitalization fee.

We perform anesthetics in the safest manner possible; however each anesthetic can always have risks or adverse reactions including cardiac and respiratory arrest. If any such event occurs our doctors and staff will perform the best medical treatment available to us. If you have a strong feeling against resuscitation (CPR) please let our staff know.

In order to perform our anesthetics in the safest possible manner, we do require current blood work (within 1 yr) to be done prior to any anesthetic.

1) Would you like a Microchip implanted? **YES** **NO**

2) Is you pet is having any mass(es) removed? **Yes** **No**
If so please list location(s) and the number of masses.

Total Number of Masses to be removed: _____

3) Would you like to receive a text message update on you pet*?
 Yes No

If yes, which phone number would you like us to use: _____

*I understand that I selected to receive text message updates on my pet, and that charges may apply with my mobile carrier _____ Initial.

I understand my pet will have to undergo an additional sedation or anesthetic procedure to complete necessary treatment(s) if the doctor is unable to reach me at the numbers provided.

Payment Policy

I have read and understand the above release and consent that the procedure(s) be performed. Additionally, I understand that payment is required at time of service and certain procedures may require a deposit which will be credited towards the account
