

# Anesthetic Safety Recommendations

Your pet is scheduled to undergo a surgical or diagnostic procedure requiring general anesthesia. The safety of modern anesthesia has improved significantly with increased knowledge, state of the art equipment and new anesthetic drugs; however, anesthesia can never be considered risk free. Pre-surgical diagnostic testing can be utilized to maximize anesthetic safety by identifying patients that may be at increased risk. Post-operative pain can also be well managed with an array of analgesics.

**Elective Procedures** – Your pet is scheduled to undergo a procedure such as dentistry, spay, neuter, declaw, ear trim, wound repair, hematoma repair or lump removal. Pre-anesthetic diagnostics are recommended. Please indicate with your initials which procedures you would like done. Other tests may be indicated or required for specific patients.

- **Pre-anesthetic blood work** provides information about your pet's systematic health that may not be apparent from a general physical examination. Based on the results, adjustments in anesthetic protocols may be made or the procedure may be postponed. Listed below are the general recommendations. However, if you're your pet has an illness, additional testing may be required. **Choose one:**

**Mini-screen** - Strongly recommended for all animals prior to general anesthesia. Provides for a partial blood count and information regarding liver disease, kidney function.

\$58.00 Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Decline \_\_\_\_\_ [L515]

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**General blood profile** - Recommended for healthy animals over five years of age but can be requested at any age. Provides for complete blood count and extensive information regarding liver disease, kidney function, electrolytes and blood sugar.

\$159.25 Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Decline \_\_\_\_\_ [L080, L510]

- **Intravenous catheter and fluids** – Recommended to maintain blood pressure during surgery and ensures a readily available route for drug administration in case problems arise. A catheter is of potential value in nearly all anesthetized patients, but especially for extended surgical procedures and geriatric patients.

\$41.50 Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Decline \_\_\_\_\_ [M27A]

- **Heart/respiratory monitor** – Provides warning of abnormalities in heart or respiratory function. Anesthetic monitoring is performed on all anesthetized patients. The level of monitoring required will vary with the patient and the procedure. \$29.00 [M41]

- **Pain relief** – Pain management is not an option at the Hollywood Animal Hospital. If we feel your pet is in post-surgical pain, or any other type of pain, medication will be administered and a charge incurred.

\$36.50 - \$39.00 [H33S, H33L]

- **24 Hour Watch microchip identification placement** – A tiny microchip is inserted under the skin between the shoulders. Most humane shelters and Animal Control agencies scan pets that are brought in allowing your pet to be identified even in the collar is lost. This type of identification is especially important in the event of a natural disaster. The ideal time for insertion is during any sedation.

\$38.00 Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Decline \_\_\_\_\_ [M57B]

**Major Procedures** – Your pet is scheduled to undergo a procedure such as orthopedic surgery, emergency surgery, extensive soft tissue surgery, cystotomy, gastric or intestinal surgery, tumor removal, or certain radiographic studies. Pre-anesthetic diagnostics are an important part of the pre-surgical evaluation. A complete blood count and extended profile provides information regarding liver disease, kidney function, electrolytes blood protein and blood sugar. Additional diagnostics such as blood gases, urinalysis and radiographs may be needed in certain cases. In addition, an IV catheter is placed and fluids given during any procedure of increased length or risk, or if IV medications and fluids will be needed in the intra-operative or post-operative period. These are included in the total estimate for the surgery or procedure.

I authorize Hollywood Animal Hospital to perform the following procedure(s) upon my pet and/or any other therapeutic procedure that professional judgment may dictate to be advisable for the patient's well being. I am aware that general anesthesia is required for this procedure. I have been advised of pre-anesthetic testing and am aware of the risks and nature of the entire procedure with no warranty or guarantee given relative to the outcome.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_