

NORTHWOOD ANIMAL HOSPITAL

ANESTHESIA/SURGERY CONSENT FORM

Like you, our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Prior to anesthetizing your pet, our doctors will perform a complete physical examination. In addition, the following measures are taken for every surgical patient.

SURGICAL REQUIREMENTS:

An **INTRAVENOUS (I.V.) CATHETER** is required for all anesthetized patients. Catheter placement enables us to administer **I.V. FLUIDS** during the procedure, if needed, which helps prevent low blood pressure and dehydration in your pet. It also allows for the immediate administration of any necessary drugs in the event of an emergency.

ANESTHETIC MONITORING is performed by our trained staff, using the best technology available. Heart rate, blood pressure, electrocardiogram, core body temperature, pulse oximetry, end tidal CO₂, and respiratory rate are some of the specific parameters we monitor. These vital signs are continuously assessed to help create the safest anesthetic environment possible.

The **CONTROL OF PAIN** is a very important aspect of the surgical procedure. *Our goal is to minimize the inherent discomfort associated with all surgical procedures.* A pain free animal requires a lower level of anesthesia throughout the procedure. This increases the safety for your pet and helps ensure a smooth and speedy recovery. We begin pain management prior to surgery. It is continued through the surgery and into the postoperative recovery period until discomfort is no longer an issue. This pain management protocol is required in all surgical patients. The medications used and length of treatment will vary based upon the procedure performed and the degree of pain involved. **If needed, further out-patient meds will be prescribed for your pet to go home with at a cost of \$12-\$20.**

*****Fees for IV catheterization/fluids (\$44.50), anesthetic monitoring (\$22), and pain management (\$24) will be added to all anesthetic procedures.***

SURGICAL OPTIONS:

BLOOD TESTING is advised on all pets prior to anesthesia. Many conditions, including disorders of the liver or kidneys, low grade infections, or electrolyte abnormalities can only be detected through blood testing and exam, possibly before your pet shows clinical signs of illness. Since most anesthetics are metabolized by the liver or kidneys, disease in one of these organs can increase the risk associated with anesthesia. In many cases, such as geriatric or sick patients, the doctor may **require** blood testing prior to anesthesia.

Our in-house laboratory is equipped with the latest technology to perform blood screening tests. Results will be discussed with you when you come to pick up your pet. If a problem is detected during the physical exam or on the blood work, a doctor will contact you to discuss any recommended course of action prior to surgery. Surgery will be postponed if it is deemed to be in the best interest of your pet.

MICROCHIP IMPLANTATION (AVID ® Friendchip) is available and can easily be placed into your pet by injection. The chip is the size of a grain of rice and permanently identifies your pet in case they were to become lost. A handheld scanner identifies the chip's number which, after registration, is traceable to the owner. For your convenience, NAH can handle the **microchip registration** procedure for you. Ask a technician for details.

PET'S NAME _____

SURGICAL PROCEDURE TO BE PERFORMED _____

In addition to the fees for I.V. catheterization, anesthetic monitoring, and pain management, the following are advised while your pet is here for surgery (please circle.)

Yes / No, I request **BLOOD TESTING** as a presurgical health screen (\$68)

Yes / No, I request **AVID MICROCHIP IMPLANTATION** for identification purposes(\$42)

Yes / No, I request **REGISTRATION** of my pet's AVID microchip (\$20.50- one time fee)



I understand the procedure to be performed on my pet and have no further questions at this time. I acknowledge there may be concealed health risks to my pet and release NAH and staff from any unforeseen complications arising from anesthesia/surgery. ***I will be available at the phone numbers listed below at all times during the day of the procedure. If the doctors at NAH cannot reach me by phone, I agree to allow any treatment deemed necessary for the health of my pet.***

Is your pet on any medications? If so, please list medication, dosage/frequency, and time last given.

Are there any other procedures you would like performed on your pet during the anesthesia period (nail trim, anal gland expression, ear cleaning, etc)? _____

Additional comments/notes for the doctor _____

Caretaker's name _____ Daytime phone numbers _____

Signed _____ Cellular phone numbers _____

Date _____