

Pre-Anesthesia Blood Screening

The doctors and staff of Enterprise Animal Hospital are committed to your pet's health and safety. This is why we highly recommend a pre-anesthesia blood chemistry panel on all pets prior to anesthesia. These quick in-house blood tests can detect abnormalities in your pet's organ systems that our thorough pre-anesthesia physical exam cannot detect. Since most anesthetic drugs used in veterinary medicine, are removed from the body by the liver and kidneys, it is important for these organs to be healthy and functioning properly prior to anesthesia. It is also important that patients have normal blood cell counts to ensure proper oxygen-carrying capacity during the procedure and promote proper tissue healing following the procedure. The following tests are included in our pre-anesthetic blood screening:

1. ALT – Detects liver damage
2. Total Protein – Many drugs are bound to protein in the blood and depend on protein to function adequately
3. BUN/Creatinine – Kidney function test
4. Glucose – Blood sugar level
5. CBC – Complete blood count measures red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets.

If any of these tests are abnormal, we will proceed with one of the following options based on the doctor's recommendation:

1. Postpone your pet's procedure until a later date so that we may nurse your pet back to health.
2. Further testing to pursue a specific diagnosis.
3. Proceed with anesthesia, but alter the anesthetic protocol accordingly.

The cost of these important tests is an additional \$64.00.

Please check one of the following and sign below:

Yes, please perform these important tests on my pet

No, I understand that these important tests may detect certain health conditions that can adversely affect the outcome of the surgery/anesthesia, but I choose to decline having these tests performed.

-I authorize the Doctors and technical staff of Enterprise Animal Hospital to administer medications and anesthetics and perform the necessary procedures on my pet. I am also aware that unforeseen events will not relieve me from any financial obligation for my pet's care.

-I am the owner or agent for the above described animal and have the authority to execute this consent form.

-I understand that during the performance of the procedure(s), unforeseen conditions may be revealed that necessitate an extension of the procedure(s), or even different procedure(s), than set forth previously.

-I hereby consent and authorize the performance of such procedures as necessary and desirable in the exercise of the veterinarian's professional judgement.

-I have been advised of the nature of the procedure(s) and the risks involved in them as well as the risks involved with anesthesia and realize that results cannot be guaranteed.

-The Hospital will use all reasonable precautions, but the Hospital will not be held liable or responsible for occurrences beyond its control.

****IMPORTANT****

Any anesthetic procedure carries risks. While we take all precautions to prevent complications, life-threatening anesthetic reactions are still a possibility. Please keep in mind, even if all of your pet's tests are normal, it does not guarantee that your pet will not have a life-threatening anesthetic reaction. It does, however, tell us that your pet is in a low risk category.

Initial here _____

(Responsible party)

Date: _____

Phone numbers where you can be reached today:

Office Use Only

Chart # _____

Patient # _____

Patient Name _____