# PRE-ANESTHESIA INSTRUCTIONS

# Your pet's procedure is scheduled for: Pet's Name: (Date)\_\_\_\_at (Time)\_\_\_\_ No food for \_\_\_\_ hours before procedure. No water for \_\_\_\_hours before procedure. Further instructions/comments:

# **Safety Information**

**SevoFlo®** (sevoflurane) is used for the induction (taking the dog from awake to asleep) and maintenance of general anesthesia in dogs.

**SevoFlo should not** be used if you know the dog has sensitivity to sevoflurane or other halogenated agents.

Warning: SevoFlo decreases the rate of breathing significantly.

**Blood pressure may** decrease rapidly in proportion to the concentration of SevoFlo compared with other inhalation anesthetics.

The most frequently reported adverse reactions during maintenance anesthesia were: decrease in blood pressure, rapid breathing, muscle tenseness, excitation, stops breathing, muscle twitching and vomiting. Less frequent adverse reactions include: paddling, retching, salivation, purplish coloration of the skin and mucous membranes, premature ventricular contractions and an excessive decrease in blood pressure.

**SevoFlo**, as well as other halogenated anesthetic agents, may temporarily increase liver function tests and white blood cell counts.

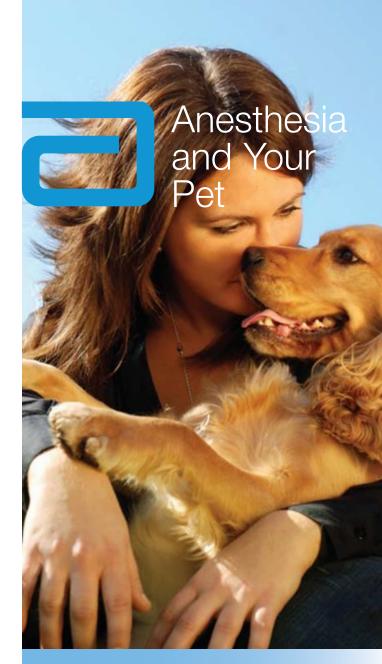
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#### What is anesthesia?

Anesthesia is when your veterinarian makes your pet unconscious for the procedure he or she is about to have.



### Why is anesthesia necessary?

Anesthesia keeps your dog from moving, relaxes your pet and ensures your pet is unaware of surgery; helping your veterinarian to perform successful procedures.

#### Does anesthesia have risks?

Anesthesia can have risks. However — as with all medical procedures — these risks can be minimized. It's important to talk with your veterinarian so that you understand the risks.

## What happens during anesthesia?



#### **Pre-operative medications**

These medications are given before surgery to help calm your pet and provide pain relief.

#### Induction

A drug is given to transition your pet to anesthesia.

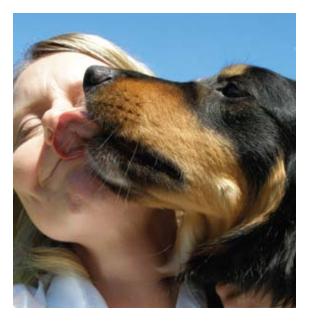
#### **Maintenance**

Gas keeps your pet asleep during surgery or procedure, while your pet is carefully monitored.

#### Recovery

Veterinary staff will wake your pet after the procedure is finished and carefully monitor them until they go home.





# What is my veterinarian doing to minimize the risks of anesthesia?

Your veterinarian and clinic staff are dedicated to your pet's health. They have education, training and skills to help your dog. In addition, they use the most advanced procedures and equipment.

## What is SevoFlo® (sevoflurane)?

SevoFlo is a veterinary form of sevoflurane and the latest in veterinary gas anesthesia. Sevoflurane is the anesthetic agent of choice for human surgeries, especially for children.

After surgery with SevoFlo most dogs make a smooth, rapid recovery and head home quickly — and that's what everyone wants.

