

Antelope Veterinary Hospital  
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### SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA CONSENT FORM

Your pet's anesthetic procedure may include pain management, monitoring, IV fluids, or other procedures. Anesthesia inherently has risks. The risk increases with your pet's age and/or if your pet has any concurrent health problems. A physical exam, regardless of how thorough, frequently cannot detect metabolic issues, such as disease of the liver, kidney, or bone marrow. Our clinic recommends doing preoperative blood work for your pet before he or she undergoes anesthesia and surgery. Please read below to see which statements apply to you.

#### PREOPERATIVE BLOODWORK: \_\_\_\_\_

Older animals tend to be at increased risk for complications during anesthesia. For these pets, we recommend drawing blood prior to surgery to test. Includes a complete blood count, which evaluates your pet's red and white blood cells, and a chemistry panel, which assesses electrolytes, kidney function, and liver function.

#### HEARTWORM TESTING (DOGS): \_\_\_\_\_

As this geographic area is at higher risk for heartworm infection, our clinic highly recommends testing for heartworm disease if your dog has never been on prevention or has been off of it for more than six months. Heartworm infection increases the risks of complications under anesthesia.

#### FELV/FIV TESTING (CATS): \_\_\_\_\_

Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency viruses are severe and fatal diseases. The viruses are transmitted through direct contact with other cats that carry the diseases. Complications from these diseases may increase the risk of complications under anesthesia.

#### INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS: \_\_\_\_\_

Older dogs (generally over 7 years) and/or sick dogs are better stabilized under anesthesia with IV fluids, which maintains blood pressure and circulation to vital organs. This also applies to healthy dogs undergoing lengthy procedures and dogs that may be pregnant.

#### PAIN MEDICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Some procedures can be quite painful, and administering pain relief can increase your dog's comfort level as well as speed the healing process. Your dog's doctor can discuss with you what level of discomfort is anticipated for the procedure your dog is about to undergo.

#### FLEA/TICK PREVENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

To protect the incision site from external parasites, and to protect the other patients in our hospital, we require all surgical patients to have current flea and tick prevention. If fleas or ticks are found on your patient during treatment, we will apply flea/tick prevention at an additional cost up to \$25.

#### CANINE/FELINE SPAY: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify to my best knowledge that my animal is not in heat or pregnant. I understand that there is a higher surgical risk associated with the spaying of an animal currently in heat or pregnant. I understand that, at times, the doctor is unable to determine whether an animal is in heat or pregnant prior to the time of the procedure. I understand that if my animal is in heat or pregnant at the time of procedure, there will be an additional charge up to \$60. (Additional \$81 IV catheter and fluids for canine pregnancy)

I understand the above options and risks and agree to allow the necessary services in the care of my animal at the doctor's discretion. I certify that I am the legal owner of the animal being presented today and authorize Antelope Vet Hospital to provide care, including the use of anesthesia.

**Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_