Dear Client,

You have scheduled your pet for an anesthetic procedure. This packet is so that you will be better informed of the optional treatments that the technician will be asking you about when dropping off your pet.

Our greatest concern is the health of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia we always recommend, and at times require, pre-anesthetic blood work. This blood work will help our doctors to determine the appropriate and specialized anesthesia that is best for the procedure and your pet. Many conditions cannot be detected without this profile. The basic profile will check the kidneys and liver, glucose and hydration levels. There are more in depth profiles that can be done depending on your pet’s age and overall health. Cost usually ranges between $65.50 and $89 for the basic panel.

We also highly recommend the placement of an IV catheter and IV fluids before, during and after the procedure. The catheter allows us quick access to the circulatory system in case of an unforeseen emergency. Fluids help to support the circulatory system, vital organs and prevent dehydration to aid in a quicker recovery time. IV catheter placement only is $37.50 and IV catheter placement with IV fluids is $80.50.

All pets are intubated when anesthetized (a tube inserted into the windpipe) to help avoid aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. All pets are also electronically as well as physically monitored for heart rate and oxygen levels until they are fully awake.

Many of the most common procedures have pain medication included in the price quoted. If the procedure that is scheduled for your pet does not include pain medication the technician will inform you of the cost.

**It is important for you to understand that there can always be a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime that these procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions that you allow to avoid potential problems. You will be asked to approve or decline the optional lab work, catheter and fluids at the time you drop your pet off. Please be prepared to make a decision at that time.**

Your pet should be dropped off in the morning between 7:30 – 8:00 am. Please allow 15 – 20 minutes to get them checked in. Withhold all food after 6:00 pm the night before unless you are told specifically of an alternate time. Please limit water intake to a minimum. If you are currently administering medications, please check with our staff to receive appropriate instructions. **It is critical that we have a phone number that someone can be reached the entire day of the procedure.** Failure to be reached during the day could result in postponement of the procedure.

Please contact us at any time before the scheduled procedure for clarification of instructions or with any questions you may have. Thank You