



# Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital Pre-Anesthetic Recommendation Form

Not all families have the financial resources to do everything, but we respect your right to make decisions regarding the care of your pet. These recommendations are what would ideally occur with every pet prior, during, and after a procedure. Please ask the staff or veterinarians if you have any questions or concerns. We'll happily try to answer all of your questions to minimize your stress and anxiety.

### ***BLOOD SCREEN*** (In house pre-anesthetic panel)

Like you, our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Prior to anesthetizing your pet, the veterinarian performs a courtesy exam. Many conditions however, including disorders of the liver, kidney and blood are not detectable without checking laboratory tests. And those organs need to have proper function to filter the anesthesia out of the body. Therefore, it is highly recommended that ALL pets have a minimal blood screening prior to general anesthesia. These tests are performed within the hospital and are available within 60 minutes. If any abnormalities are noted, the veterinarian will contact you with further recommendations. Pets over 10 years of age should have a more complete blood screening and possibly a urinalysis. These test results are available within 24 hours and should be performed at least 24-48 hours before or no more than 30 days before a scheduled procedure.

### ***INTRAVENOUS (IV) CATHETER AND FLUIDS*** (Includes IV catheter placement, fluids, and infusion pump monitor)

Placement of an I.V. catheter and giving I.V. fluids during an anesthetic procedure provides several benefits to your pet. These include the fluids supporting the kidneys, blood pressure, and heart to flush the anesthesia out of the body more efficiently. Most importantly, an I.V. catheter provides an immediate avenue for emergency treatment in the unlikely event that should be necessary.

### ***POST OPERATIVE PAIN PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS***

For your convenience, all surgical procedures include a post operative pain injection. For procedures that cause more discomfort, it is recommended to provide additional pain management. While discomfort reminds us that we need to rest our body, too much pain makes it difficult to rest and heal. The veterinarian will provide pain medication in tablet form (or liquid-if available) to be given orally to your pet.

**PET'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Anesthetic Blood Screen                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

IV Catheter/Fluids                                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Post Operative Pain Prescription                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

*A discount is given to any pet receiving pre-anesthetic blood work or a complete blood screening (Superchem, CBC or more) and IV catheter/fluids.*

I am owner or agent for the owner of the above-named animal and have the authority to execute this consent. I therefore consent and authorize the performance of the anesthetic procedure(s).

Signature (owner/agent) \_\_\_\_\_                      Date \_\_\_\_\_