



Frey Pet Hospital

“Treating your pets as if they were our very own”



General Anesthesia Consent Form- Referral Patient

Your pet is scheduled for a procedure that requires anesthesia. Though very unlikely, anesthesia inherently carries some risk. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to explain why pre-anesthetic blood testing is important to the health of your four legged family member. The anesthetic agent is removed from the body by the liver and kidneys, so it is important to know before anesthesia that these organs are functioning at well.

Like you, our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before putting him/her under anesthesia, a veterinarian will perform a full comprehensive examination to identify any existing medical conditions that could complicate the procedure and compromise the health of your pet.

There is always the possibility that a physical exam alone will not identify all of your pet's health problems, we strongly recommend that a pre-anesthetic blood profile (a combination of blood tests) be performed prior to anesthesia. The test we recommend are similar to, and equally as important as those your own physician would run if you were to go under anesthesia. Results will be immediately available before general anesthesia and/or surgery.

It is important to understand that a pre-anesthetic blood profile does not guarantee the absence of complications. It may, however, greatly reduce the risk of complications that could require medical treatment in the future. Please elect one of the following:

- ☐ Yes, I want my pet to have a pre-anesthesia blood profile at \$76.00. (Includes analysis of the liver and kidneys, as well as, screening for anemia, infection, clotting disorders, inflammation, diabetes, and dehydration.)
- ☐ Yes, I want my pet to have a full comprehensive blood screening at \$195.00. (Includes all of the pre-anesthesia blood work, as well as, thyroid function, protein, calcium, and pancreas.) ***Strongly recommended for patients over 8 years of age.
- ☐ No, I **DECLINE** the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time and request that you proceed with anesthesia. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical exam alone. I understand my pet's health could be at risk if such condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia.

ECG Heart Assessment for All Pets:

An electrocardiogram (ECG) is an advocated heart assessment test for all pets prior to general anesthesia. Anesthesia places an added burden on the heart making it important to identify underlying conditions. Our hospital is fully equipped with ECG equipment. This makes rapid evaluation possible, and results will be available before general anesthesia.

- ☐ Yes, I want my pet to have a pre-anesthesia ECG at \$56.00.
- ☐ No, I decline at this time for an ECG to be performed.

Please initial each space indicating that you acknowledge the following statements:

1. Our practice understands the importance of pain management and control for our patients. If indicated we will be administering additional pain relief medication, and there will be a corresponding charge on your bill.
☐ Yes, I have read the above statement and understand
2. In almost all cases, a small area on the front leg will be shaved and an IV catheter will be placed for the surgical procedure. This allows our staff to administer medications and provide fluid therapy while your pet is under anesthesia.
☐ Yes, I have read the above statement and understand
3. Occasionally in young patients, a baby tooth has failed to fall out when the adult tooth has descended into place. This leads to crowding and dental disease. If found, these baby teeth will be removed with a corresponding charge in order to alleviate the situation.
☐ Yes, I have read the above statement and understand

Should any unforeseen procedures be necessary and indicated in the veterinarian's professional judgment, please select one of the following options:

- ☐ I prefer that you proceed with all necessary procedures.
- ☐ I prefer to be called before any additional procedures, other than emergencies. If I cannot be reached, **I DO** authorize you to proceed with any procedures as deemed necessary by the doctor. The best number I can be reached at:
- _____
- ☐ If I cannot be reached by phone, **I DO NOT** authorize any additional procedures.

MISC: Please list the name and indicate the time the last dose was given for any medication your pet is currently on.

How would you like to be contacted?:

I understand that there are risks associated with anesthesia and the procedures set forth above, and with anesthesia, and I am satisfied after speaking with the staff of Frey Pet Hospital that they will treat my pet as they deem necessary for their health, safety, and well-being; however I do understand that no guarantee of successful treatment can be made. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this Authorization for Medical Treatment, the reason why such medical treatment is considered necessary, as well as, its advantages and possible complications, if any.

I have received an estimate for the procedure. (If you have not, please ask for one now!) I understand that payment is due at the time my pet is discharged and that a deposit may be required for extensive medical or surgical procedures.

_____ Electronic Signature and Date

_____ Emergency Phone Number