

CITRUS PARK ANIMAL, BIRD & EXOTICS HOSP.
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Anesthesia & Surgery Consent Form

Client ID: _____

Client Name: _____

Patient Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____

Surgical procedure to be performed? _____

My pet's veterinary surgeon will be _____

Telephone number(s) where we can reach you on day of procedure: _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN

1. Pre-anesthetic Bloodwork

Your pet is scheduled for anesthesia/surgery. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, we recommend a blood profile to ensure that your pet is healthy enough for anesthesia. Many conditions including disorders of the liver, kidneys and blood may not be detected unless blood testing is performed. For these reasons, we strongly recommend that all patients receive bloodwork before such procedures. In addition, it also helps us determine the safest anesthetics for your pet. The latest technology, using IDEXX Lasercyte and Catalyst diagnostics has enabled us to run rapid and accurate blood chemistries minutes before the start of anesthesia. These tests are similar to those your own physician would run were you to undergo anesthesia. In addition, the results of these tests will serve as reference values for future use should your pet become ill.

Profile #1 is the most comprehensive of the blood profiles. We highly recommend it for all pets.

Profile #2 is a basic screen, while it does not give us as much information as Profile #1, it provides us a minimum database for pre-anesthetic screening for healthy pets. It is not recommended for sick animals or pets over the age of 7 years.

_____ **Yes**, I want pre-anesthetic bloodwork. _____ **No**, I decline bloodwork and **have been informed of the risks**.

Because we feel that pre-anesthetic blood screening is a vital part of your pet's **SURGICAL** anesthetic safety, we offer a 20% discount on these laboratory tests if done in combination with any **SURGICAL PROCEDURE REQUIRING ANESTHESIA**.

If you would like us to perform these vital tests prior to your pet's procedure please check one choice below:

PROFILE #1 _____ (\$127.20) PROFILE #2 _____ (\$86.00)

Pre-operative Coagulation Testing

Any pet undergoing a surgical procedure in which bleeding may occur should be evaluated pre-operatively for any defect in the blood's ability to clot. Excessive bleeding can cause major complications. There are many disease states that can cause bleeding problems in your pet. Because of severe consequences of excessive bleeding during surgery, we recommend that PT and PTT tests be performed on your pet at a cost of **\$39.95**.

I accept this test (initials) _____. **I decline this test (initials)** _____.

2. Pre-operative Electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG)

EKG is a tracing of the electrical conduction activity of your pet's heart and can often pick up unseen, potentially life threatening, cardiac problems. We strongly suggest this be done on all pets to better evaluate the safety of any anesthetic procedure (1-Lead rhythm strip - \$35.00).

_____ **Yes**, please do an EKG on my pet. **No**, I decline an EKG for my pet.

3. Pain Management

Appropriate pain medications will be provided to your pet based on the procedure performed. Selection of the medication will be determined by the veterinarian on a case-by-case basis. Costs of these pain medications will vary. In most cases the injection used around the time of surgery will not have long lasting effects. Additional pain medication can effectively control your pet's discomfort during the recovery at home and aid in your pet's recovery. Specific procedures such as orthopedic, abdominal surgeries, declaws and some dental surgeries can be very painful. Therefore, pre and post-op as well as take home pain medications may be automatically administered and/or prescribed by the doctor for an additional fee.

4. Intravenous Catheters and IV Fluid Therapy

Our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. We will perform a physical examination before administering anesthetic agents. Intravenous fluids given during anesthesia and/or surgery help to maintain blood pressure and allow rapid administration of drugs should an emergency situation develop. If your pet's blood pressure drops while under anesthesia, it is more difficult to then place an IV catheter and could result in the loss of valuable time. For this reason, we will place an IV catheter before surgery begins so that IV fluids can be administered during anesthesia. A nominal fee will be charged for these services.

5. Dentistry

If your pet is having dental cleaning today, saving healthy teeth and maintaining oral hygiene is a priority. Diseased teeth may be encountered during the routine cleaning. Extractions of these diseased teeth may be necessary to maintain the health of your pet, and at your veterinarian's discretion, unhealthy teeth will be extracted.

In extreme cases of dental disease, the number of extractions could be excessive. Additional fees will apply for any extractions performed.

Dental x-rays are a necessary part of a complete oral exam for staging of dental disease prior to any dental surgery. Unfortunately, our patients will not allow proper x-rays without sedation. Therefore, dental x-rays should be taken while your pet is already sedated for the dental surgery. Further, severe dental disease will cause weakening of the maxillary and mandibular bones. Therefore there may be an inherent risk of bone fractures during tooth extractions. Also, broken tooth roots may be retained below the gum line and these are not readily visible without x-rays. Citrus Park Animal, Bird & Exotics Hospital (CPABEH) recommends dental x-rays for all dental procedures. The fees for x-rays may vary based on the severity of the oral disease and the number of x-rays needed. The cost estimate is from \$50 - \$150.

I have read and agree to the terms in this paragraph (initials) _____.

I approve x-rays (initials) _____. I decline x-rays (initials) _____.

6. Microchipping

Microchipping is a very simple and safe way to permanently identify your pet. CPABEH feel this is so important for your peace of mind & your pet's safety. Therefore, we offer this service to you at the reduced rate of \$35.00 if done during a surgical procedure.

_____ **Yes**, I want to microchip my pet. _____ **No**, I decline to microchip my pet.

7. Miscellaneous Services While your pet is under anesthesia, we are able to perform many convenient procedures such as nail trims, anal gland expression, etc.

_____ **Yes**, I want my pet's nails trimmed (\$5). _____ **Yes**, Express anal glands (\$20).

8. Elizabethan Collar To ensure that your pet will not chew or lick open a new surgical site, an Elizabethan collar is available. This small investment could save you the added cost of having the site repaired. Average cost is \$15-\$18.

_____ **Yes**, please send home a collar. _____ **No**, I decline a collar and am aware of the risk.

9. In Case of Emergency I authorize Citrus Park Animal, Bird & Exotics Hospital in an emergency situation to follow through with such procedures as are necessary for the well being of my pet on a continuing basis regardless of the additional cost which I understand cannot be estimated or calculated at this time. I understand that I assume all financial responsibility for all services rendered and for the cost of any inventory utilized during this emergency procedure. PLEASE INITIAL: _____

I DECLINE any emergency treatment if complications develop during the above procedure. PLEASE INITIAL : _____

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I CERTIFY THAT I OWN OR HAVE ASSUMED FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY for the above described animal and I do hereby consent and authorize CITRUS PARK ANIMAL, BIRD & EXOTICS HOPITAL and its staff to hospitalize this animal, and to administer vaccinations, medications, tests, surgical procedures, anesthetics or treatments that the DOCTORS DEEM NECESSARY for the health, safety or well being of the above animal while it is under their care and supervision.

If this animal should injure itself in an escape attempt, refuse food, soil itself, become ill or die while in the hospital, I will hold CITRUS PARK ANIMAL, BIRD & EXOTICS HOSPITAL free of any responsibility and/or liability in the absence of gross negligence.

I further realize that I am RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT for the above procedures and treatments IN FULL AT THE TIME THE ANIMAL IS DISCHARGED. If I neglect to pick up the animal within ten (10) days of having received a written notice that it is ready for release, and the notice was mailed to the address on file, I authorize CITRUS PARK ANIMAL, BIRD & EXOTICS HOSPITAL to consider my pet abandoned by me. CITRUS PARK ANIMAL, BIRD & EXOTICS HOSPITAL is then authorized to dispose of my pet as it see fit. ABANDONMENT DOES NOT RELEASE ME OF MY OBLIGATION FOR THE BILL.

I further agree that in the case of non-payment, a service charge of 24% per annum and billing fee of \$15.00/month will be charged and that any collection fees or attorney fees will be paid by me. Checks that are returned by the bank go DIRECTLY TO: "Check Care Systems" for collection and ARE NOT returned to us, you must call "Check Care Systems" in reference to your check.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent