

Canine Pre-Anesthetic Testing Consent Form

Client Name: _____

Date of scheduled procedure: _____

Patient Name: _____

Surgery to be performed: _____

Your dog is scheduled for a procedure that requires anesthesia. Before placing your dog under anesthesia, we strongly recommend that a pre-anesthetic blood profile be performed. Blood chemistry testing provides an inside look at your dog's vital organs, such as the liver and kidneys. The function of the liver and kidneys is especially important during surgical procedures because these organs process and rid the body of medications used during anesthesia.

A pre-anesthetic profile does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications; however, it may greatly reduce the risk of complications as well as identify medical conditions that could require treatment in the future.

The recommended blood profile includes checking for the following:

ALT: An enzyme that becomes elevated with liver disease.

ALK PHOS: Produced by the biliary tract (liver). Elevated levels can indicate liver disease.

CREATININE: Excreted by the kidneys, elevated levels can indicate kidney disease or urinary obstruction.

GLUCOSE: To determine blood sugar level (elevated with diabetes or stress, and decreased with liver disease).

TOTAL PROTEIN: Used to diagnose dehydration, or diseases of the liver/kidney and GI tract.

BUN (Blood Urea Nitrogen): Helps to detect liver and kidney abnormalities.

ELECTROLYTES: Sodium, Potassium, and Chloride- Used to assess hydration status, diagnose diseases of the adrenal glands, or assist in diagnosing other diseases.

CBC: Complete Blood Count

The charge for our pre-anesthetic blood panel is \$116.12. One blood sample is required for this panel. If the results are normal, we will be able to proceed with anesthesia. The results of the bloodwork will provide an important baseline to keep on record for your dog to compare to any future blood work, potentially detecting internal changes. If the results are a cause for concern, we will contact you immediately regarding further testing and/or additional precautions to be taken while your dog is hospitalized.

We also recommend implantation of a microchip under the skin as a permanent identification method. A microchip is a tiny electronic device (the size of a grain of rice) that connects you and your pet to a comprehensive pet recovery service. Each HomeAgain microchip is designed with the purpose of storing and transmitting a unique alphanumeric code. This code represents your pet's identification and links you to them, enabling your pet to return home if lost. The cost of the microchip insertion is \$30.00, as well as an additional \$30.00 to register your pet with HomeAgain.

I would like the pre-anesthetic blood profile run on my dog. **Yes No (circle one)**

I would like my dog to be implanted with a microchip. **Yes No (circle one)**

When was your dog's last heat cycle? (female/spay surgeries only) _____

Client Signature _____

Today's date _____

Please leave a phone number we can contact you at while your dog is staying with us.

Phone # _____