



Owners Name: _____

Pets Name: _____

Date: _____

Pre-Surgical Blood Testing Form

Prior to anesthesia the veterinarian will perform a complete physical examination to provide us with important information about your pet's health. However, it is impossible to understand the complete physiologic picture without performing blood tests. The blood tests we recommend are similar to and equally as important as those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia.

Performing the recommended blood tests will not guarantee that complications will not occur. However, performing blood tests prior to surgery allows us to:

- Reduce the risk of anesthesia
- Identify and address any medical conditions not apparent through physical examination
- Properly determine the anesthetics and medications that should be used for the procedure – rather than simply using standard protocols
- Provide you (and us) with peace of mind

In some cases, the procedure requiring anesthesia may be postponed to diagnose the medical problem causing the abnormal tests. If all test results are normal, we can proceed with a greater degree of confidence and establish an excellent set of baseline values to refer to should your pet become ill in the future.

Pre-Surgical bloodwork includes:

- CBC – monitors white blood cell count, hematocrit, and platelets to help rule out infection or anemia
- Blood Chemistry Profile – measures liver and kidney function as well as glucose, protein, and electrolyte levels
- Coagulation – tests the blood's clotting ability to prevent excessive bleeding, anemia, and significant surgical and post-operative complications

The cost for full pre-surgical bloodwork (includes all 3 tests) is \$90. To only test for coagulation is \$30.

_____ I decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood test 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 examination alone. I understand that my pet's health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia. (**\$90 test**)

_____ I decline the recommended coagulation blood testing. I understand that by declining this test, the veterinarian has no way to assess the ability of my pet's blood to clot and prevent excessive bleeding. I assume full responsibility if there is a problem with my pet's clotting ability and by declining this test, I understand that it may result in an undiagnosed serious bleeding problem which may lead to increased cost of treatment and an increased risk of complications. Although extremely comprehensive and valuable, I also understand that this test cannot identify every type of bleeding disorder. (**\$30 test**)

Clients Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

