

MAH SURGICAL INFORMATION PACKET

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery. In our attempt to assist you we have put together this surgical packet to make your day as easy and stress-free as possible.

In addition to this letter you will find that the following information has been enclosed:

1. **MAH Surgical Information Sheet** (Initial and bring with you the day of surgery)
2. **Anesthesia & Procedures Consent Form** (Initial and bring with you the day of surgery)

These forms will be available at our office if you are unable to print them up beforehand.

Please read carefully all the enclosed information. If you have any questions please call us at 360.715.1430

Important Information

- Withhold all food and treats after 9:00pm the night prior to surgery
- No restrictions on water
- If you are currently administering any medications, supplements, and/or injections please withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor.
- We require a phone number(s) where you can be reached surgery day. Failure to be reached on the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.

Please arrive between 8am and 9am on the morning of scheduled surgery. At this time our team will be happy to answer any questions or concerns and collect the enclosed completed information forms. You will then be given an estimated pick up time.

Our veterinary nurse will escort and admit your pet into the hospital. Any elected blood tests, IV catheter placement, or any additional recommended pre-surgical tests/procedures will be performed. Should any questions or concerns arise, the doctor or nurse will contact you at the number you will provide on the authorization form the day of surgery. Once your pet's procedure is completed and he/she is recovering, you will be given a call with an update and more specific time of pick up and discharge. You are welcome to check up on your pet 's status, however, we request that you allow adequate time for your pet's procedure to be completed.

When you arrive to take your pet home, the receptionist will take care of the charges and the veterinary technician will go over all discharge instructions verbally as well as provide you a written copy. If, at any time, you do not understand the instructions please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or ask any additional questions.

Our team at MAH knows that anesthesia and surgery can be an anxious time for both you and your pet. We want the experience to be a pleasant one so please keep in mind we are always available to answer any questions regarding your pet's upcoming surgical procedure.

SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

Pre-anesthetic bloodwork

In addition to your pet's pre-surgical exam, we highly recommend, and sometimes require, that a pre-anesthetic blood profile be performed on all pets undergoing anesthesia to maximize patient safety.

The pre-anesthetic blood profile is a test which consists of a complete blood count (red cells, white blood cells, and platelets) and a blood chemistry (parameters of organ function and electrolytes). This testing helps alert the veterinarian to the presence of any abnormalities such as, dehydration, anemia, infection, kidney or liver disease that could complicate the anesthetic or surgical procedure.

The authorization forms will allow you to elect or decline the bloodwork. You have the option to decline the pre-anesthetic bloodwork but still proceed with the surgical procedure. If the doctor has any specific concerns or recommendations regarding your pet you will be contacted prior to the surgical procedure.

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call us at 360.715.1430.

Anesthetic Procedures

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications prior to the induction of general anesthesia.

For most procedures, after pre-anesthetic medication, your pet is anesthetized using injectable drugs and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This tube will deliver constant oxygen and gas anesthesia during the surgical procedure. The endotracheal tube also aids in prevention of aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

Some minor surgical procedures may only require injectable anesthetics.

Your pet will be monitored by a veterinary technician during their anesthesia, surgical procedure, and recovery. Parameters that will be monitored are mucous membrane color, heart rate, pulse rate, respiratory rate, rectal temperature, and oxygen levels.

Pain Management

Injectable pain medications are used in all surgical procedures. Your pet will also be sent home with post-operative oral pain medication.