

## SURGICAL INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

## Anesthetic Procedures & Risks

We use a combination of pre-anesthetic medications/injectable and/or inhalant anesthetics to achieve optimum levels of anesthesia that are safe for your pet.

Pre-op Sedation-Is given for especially high strung and nervous patients.

**For most procedures,** your pet is anesthetized and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea or wind pipe). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen at all times and prevents aspiration of any fluids into the lungs. Anesthesia is maintained with a gas anesthetic called Isoflurane. This gas is safe and is metabolized by the lungs, not the kidneys or liver.

## Monitoring & Pain Management

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary technician is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a monitor that records heart rate, pulse rate and oxygen levels. We also monitor breathing and temperature throughout procedure.

Our hospital strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management before, during and after surgery. Additional information will be given at discharge. We hope this program will reduce any discomfort experienced and aid in a quick recovery.

## At Home Care

We consider post op care a team approach between you and us. We would like you to notify us of any problems you experience. Please call us if you notice anything unusual after you take your pet home from a surgical or dental procedure. Things to look out for would be swelling, bleeding, excessive licking at incision, missing sutures, loss of appetite, or lethargy. Most animals do quite well after our surgeries, but complications can occur. When possible, please call during our normal business hours. We have office hours every day except for major holidays. If problems arise after hours, a list of emergency clinics can be found on this web site. It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime these procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all precautions to avoid potential complications.

Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

The doctors and staff of Conchester Animal Hospital

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