



BLACK DOG VETERINARY SERVICES

Surgery/Anesthesia Consent Form

Client name _____ Date _____

Phone number where you can be reached TODAY: _____

Patient _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Age _____

We have your pet scheduled for the following procedure: _____

- Advances in anesthesia have made elective procedures safer, with a low rate of anesthetic complications. However, anytime anesthesia is used, there is an inherent risk to my pet, up to and including death. I hereby agree that the doctors and staff of Black Dog Veterinary Services will be held harmless from any liability arising in whole or in part from any unforeseen circumstances that may occur to my pet, in the absence of gross negligence.
- Pre-anesthetic blood work is required in all patients 7 years of age or older who are undergoing general anesthesia and must be current within the past 3 months. Bloodwork is recommended for all patients regardless of age.
- I understand that I will be charged for flea medication and a dose will be applied if evidence of fleas is found on my pet.

Accept Decline

Additional fees are applied for following recommended services. Please initial the appropriate column:

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| _____ | _____ | Pre-anesthetic blood work (recommended for all pets; required if 7 years of age or older). |
| _____ | _____ | Permanent identification of your pet with a microchip. |
| _____ | _____ | Remove any retained baby teeth as they can cause complications. |
| _____ | _____ | Biopsy (laboratory analysis) performed on all masses/growths being removed. |
| _____ | _____ | Annual heartworm testing and preventative. |
| _____ | _____ | Update vaccinations if any are overdue and if deemed medically appropriate with today's procedure. |
| _____ | _____ | Post-operative laser therapy to reduce pain and enhance healing. |

AUTHORIZATION: Please initial after each statement below:

- I am the owner/authorized agent of the animal identified above. I am 18 years of age or older, and I have the authority to give this authorization and do so voluntarily, having been advised of all the probable and material risks associated with this treatment. _____
- **I understand that I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered and that payment is due today or at my pet's discharge.** _____
- The veterinarian has described the procedures identified above and has explained to my satisfaction the purpose for performing them and the risks involved with them. I realize that there can be no guarantee as to the animal's condition or the outcome of any procedures. **In particular, I have been advised that, in the event that the treatment requires the use of anesthesia, that there is a risk of death every time an anesthetic is used and that I have been advised of the possibility, small as it may be, of such occurrence.** _____

IF YOUR PET IS HAVING A DENTAL PROCEDURE, PLEASE INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- _____ I authorize the veterinarian to perform ANY and ALL procedures identified as necessary once a full oral exam has been done under anesthesia. I understand this will add to the cost of the procedure, anywhere from \$50-400.
- _____ I DO NOT authorize any additional procedures – the veterinarian MUST CALL FIRST at the above listed phone number.

I have read and understand this authorization.

- Owner/Authorized Agent Signature _____

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| For staff use only: Vaccines current _____ | Patient NPO _____ | Meds given this a.m. _____ |
| Carrier left: _____ | Other belongings: _____ | |

SURGICAL INFORMATION

Your pet has been scheduled for surgery.

This document includes some general information as well as the **surgical consent form**. We hope this helps to make the surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible.

The night before your pet's surgery...

- **Withhold all food and treats after 8:00pm. Water may be left down after this time period.**
- **If you are currently administering any medications, vitamins and/or injections, withhold the morning doses unless otherwise instructed by the doctor. Please bring those medications with you to the appointment.**

Please make arrangements for your pet to be dropped off on the morning of surgery at 7:30 am. At the time of drop off, our team will be happy to answer any questions/concerns and collect the enclosed/completed **Consent Form**. If any questions arise, the doctor may contact you at the number on the Consent Form. Additionally, **you will be called at the completion of your pet's procedure**. At that time, we will be able to give you an idea when your pet may be discharged.

When you arrive to take your pet home, the veterinary technician will go over all discharge orders, and give you a written copy of the "go home" instructions. If you do not understand any instructions, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. We hope surgery day will be a pleasant experience. Remember, our team knows that the day of surgery can be an anxious time. We are always available to answer any questions concerning your pet's procedure.

Patient Monitoring

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. *First, a veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from the beginning of anesthesia until recovery.* Second, we have a computerized monitor that displays heart rate, pulse rate, oxygen levels, respiration, ECG, and temperature.

Pain Management

Our hospital strongly believes in compassionate, quality, medical care for our patients. As a result, all of our surgical patients will receive pain management before and during surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed for post surgical administration at home.

Surgery Laser

We now offer laser therapy to decrease pain and enhance healing. This optional treatment is available for your pet's benefit.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids

We require the placement of an IV catheter and use of IV fluids during all anesthetic procedures. This allows us to have quick access to the circulatory system in case of an emergency. Additionally, the fluids help provide support to the circulatory system by maintaining blood pressure and circulation, preventing dehydration, and facilitating a quicker recovery from anesthesia.

We look forward to serving you and your pet on the upcoming surgery day and for years to come.

It is important for you to understand that there is always a small risk of anesthetic and surgical complications. There is a risk of death every time an anesthetic is used. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all precautions to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.