

Schmitt's Animal Hospital P.C.
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Canine Dental/Anesthesia Release Form

Has an appointment on Date: _____ **Our office opens at 8:30. Check-in time is 8:30-8:45am.**

We do require all dogs to have a negative heartworm test within the last 12 months prior to any procedure requiring anesthesia.

Like you, our greatest concern is for the well-being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia we will perform a full physical examination. However, many conditions, including disorders of the liver, kidneys, or blood are not detected unless blood testing is performed. Such tests are especially important before any kind of procedure requiring anesthesia.

For these reasons, we highly recommend blood screening before anesthesia/dental cleaning. Our laboratory is fully equipped and staffed to perform these important blood tests. Results will be immediately available to examine before your pet is anesthetized.

Pre-Anesthesia Profile (assesses kidneys, liver, blood proteins, and blood sugar) & **CBC** (white and red blood cells, platelets/clotting):
Cost for this test is \$82.

- Yes, I want my pet to have a pre-anesthesia blood screen and agree to pay the additional cost.
- No, I do not want my pet to have a pre-anesthesia blood screen. (Not an option for dogs 7 years or older)
- Or at doctors discretion.

We also have full blood profiles available for a more complete screening. Please ask the doctor for more details. In some cases, due to certain conditions the doctor may require blood tests before surgery. Blood work is required on dogs that are 7 years and older.

IV Fluids:

Intravenous fluids through a catheter is an option when your pet is anesthetized. The drugs we use for general anesthesia may decrease your pet's blood pressure. Giving them fluids during the procedure will help maintain their blood pressure and circulation which helps support kidney function. IV fluids are required on dogs that are 7 years and older. **The cost for IV Fluids is \$24.00.**

Note: A small patch of hair will be shaved from your pet's leg for this procedure.

- Yes, I do want my pet to receive IV Fluids and agree to pay the additional cost.
- No, I do not want my pet to receive IV Fluids. (Not an option for dogs 7 years or older)
- Or at doctor's discretion.

Extracting Teeth And Pain Control:

It is not always possible to know prior to sedation and closer examination if teeth may need to be extracted due to decay or infection. We will remove any teeth that are loose or infected which will improve the overall health of your pet. There may be an additional charge for removing teeth.

Routine cleaning and polishing of your pet's teeth should not be painful. However if teeth extractions are necessary, your pet may experience some pain or discomfort. We can help minimize this with pain/anti-inflammatory medication. Studies have shown that this medication helps animals heal faster and more comfortably.

HomeAgain Microchips:

Permanent identification for your pet is also available. While they are anesthetized, the microchip can be inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades using a needle and syringe. It provides lifelong permanent identification that is easily recognized by scanners which most veterinarians and Humane Societies own. **The cost is \$40.00 which includes registration.**

- Yes, I want my pet microchipped and agree to pay the additional cost.
- No, I do not want my pet microchipped.

I understand that there are risks associated with anesthesia and surgery and that my veterinarian will do her best to minimize these risks. I authorize my Veterinarian to complete bloodwork as indicated above. If any of the bloodwork results are abnormal, I understand that my veterinarian (at her discretion), may not perform the procedure until contacting me. If my pet's condition changes such that additional treatment is needed, my Veterinarian will try to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I authorize Schmitt's Animal Hospital to perform such treatment as they deem necessary. I will pay for all procedures performed at the time I pick up my pet unless other arrangements have been made in advance. I understand that any quotes given are only estimates and that the final cost of treatment will depend on what my pet may require as part of his/her treatment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

