

Taylorsville Veterinary Clinic

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Dear Client,

Your pet has been scheduled for an upcoming surgery. In our attempt to assist clients in preparing for their pet's surgery, we have put together this packet of information to make surgery day as easy and stress-free as possible. You may print, sign these forms and bring them with you the day of surgery or we will provide you with these forms the morning of the scheduled surgery.

Patient drop off times are between 7:30 – 9:00am the day of surgery. (In some cases we do allow drop-offs the night before surgery. Please ask our office about this if you believe this is something you need to arrange.)

Here at Taylorsville Veterinary Clinic we have your pet's best interests at heart. In order to optimize your pet's experience with us and ensure his/her safety we require your pet to be fasted. This means **NO FOOD AFTER 8:00 PM THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY** and **NO WATER AFTER 12:00 AM**. A pet is typically fasted because this allows the stomach time to empty, which helps prevent vomiting and *aspiration* of the vomit into the lungs. If you are currently administering any medications, ask if those medications should be withheld the morning of surgery.

Taylorsville Veterinary Clinic is proud to have a blood analyzer available to perform blood chemistries and complete blood counts in the clinic before anesthesia. We will perform a complete physical exam on your pet before administering anesthesia. However, we **highly recommend** a pre-operative blood screen for the purpose of insuring your pet is at minimal risk during anesthesia. By performing the blood work, we are able to rule out most pre-existing internal problems that may not be evident on physical examination.

For our patients that are considered senior patients (greater than 7 years old), a pre-operative blood screen is **required** before your pet can be sedated or placed under anesthesia for surgery. There is a more comprehensive blood panel that is recommended for senior patients, giving us added insight into liver, pancreatic and thyroid function.

We are also excited to offer laser therapy for all post-surgical patients. Laser Therapy is a quick, surgery free, drug free, non-invasive treatment to reduce pain, and reduce inflammation as well as increase the speed of healing post-operatively.

We are also pleased to offer a microchip retrieval system which is a small digital chip that is inserted under your pet's skin. This allows your pet to be electronically identified by a microchip scanner for his/her entire life. If your pet is ever found by Animal Control or another person, the microchip can be scanned at most shelters and veterinary hospitals. The scanner will show a number specific to only your pet. This number will be linked to your address and phone number through a nationally available microchip profile to help you find your lost pet.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's surgery or if you need to cancel or reschedule your pet's appointment please call us prior to the scheduled appointment (410-875-5437)

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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.

For short procedures, an injectable anesthetic or sedative is given alone that produces a good plane of surgical anesthesia with a quick recovery.

For most procedures, your pet is anesthetized (with an injectable anesthetic) and then intubated (insertion of a tube into the trachea). This will ensure that your pet is able to receive oxygen and an inhaled anesthetic (Isoflurane) at all times and helps prevent aspiration of any fluids into the lungs.

Monitoring & Pain Management:

Monitoring of patients during anesthesia is done in two ways. First, a veterinary nurse is with your pet continuously from beginning of anesthesia to recovery. Second, we have a computerized monitor that records heart rate and rhythm (EKG), oxygen level, respiration rate, and blood pressure.

Our clinic strongly believes in compassionate and quality medical care for our patients. As a result, all surgery patients will receive pain management medications before, during, and after surgery. Additionally, pain medication may be prescribed to take home. Additional information about post-surgical care will be given at discharge.

Intravenous Catheterization & Fluids:

For most surgical procedures, we will be placing an IV catheter for administration of medications as well as IV fluids. Intravenous catheters allow for quick access to the circulatory system in the case of an unforeseen emergency. Intravenous fluids help to support an adequate blood pressure and prevent dehydration during and after the procedure.

Potential Surgical Complications:

- 1. Canine and Feline Spay**
Pain, Bleeding, Infection, Recurrent Heat, Urinary Incontinence, Weight Gain, Suture Reactions
- 2. Canine and Feline Neuter**
Pain, Bleeding, Infection, Scrotal Swelling, Suture Reaction (Canine only)
- 3. Feline Declaw**
Pain, Bleeding, Infection, Limping/Lameness, Regrowth of Nail
- 4. Tumor/Lump Removal**
Pain, Bleeding, Infection, Swelling and Drainage, Suture Reaction
- 5. Dental +/- Extractions**
Pain, Bleeding, Infection, Retained Tooth Root (abscess formation)
- 6. Other potential surgical complications will be discussed as they relate to different procedures.**

We will require you to leave a phone number where you can be reached the day of surgery in case the doctor needs to discuss the procedure or blood work findings with you. **Failure to be reached the day of the procedure may result in postponement of the surgery.**

It is important for you to understand that there is always a risk of anesthetic and surgical complications anytime surgical procedures are performed. We strive to take the highest quality care of your pet and take all the added precautions you allow to avoid potential problems. Thank you for entrusting your pet to us.

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