



## Surgical Authorization and Release Form

Town and Country Veterinary Hospital and staff will use all reasonable precaution against injury, escape or death to pet. I understand that all surgery with anesthesia involves some minimal risk to my pet. I will not hold town and country Veterinary hospital Responsible in connection with the risks associated with these surgical procedures.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Owner/Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

My Pet \_\_\_\_\_, is here for sedation/anesthesia/surgery. I understand that adequate kidney and liver function is essential to the breakdown and removal of common anesthetic agents from the body. A pre-anesthetic panel consisting of the following tests are recommended by the Veterinarian for all patients to ensure the anesthetic agents are moved from my pet's system:

- ★ **Kidney Function test** (blood urea nitrogen)
- ★ **Liver Function test** (ALT)

The combined cost for this pre-anesthetic panel is **\$38.50 (Optional)**

- I do** request that these tests be performed
- I do not** request these tests be performed

### E-Collar

An Elizabethan collar (also known as an E-collar or the cone of shame) are plastic or fabric hoods or cones placed around the head to prevent an animal from licking at a surgery site, wound, or dressing.

- Plastic: Clear/see-through, custom sizing for neck and length **Cost: \$23.00-\$32.50**
- No-** I have an e-collar already and I will bring it to the discharge appointment
- Per the Doctor, this procedure doesn't require an e-collar

### Multi-Parameter Surgical Monitor Offered

During your pet's surgical procedure, we always use equipment which monitors their pulse rate, respiratory rate and blood oxygen concentrations for safety at no charge. We now offer a multi-parameter surgical monitor for even **MORE** safety during the surgical procedure. The M-P monitor now allows us to monitor the heart itself with electrocardiogram (ECG), heart arrhythmia warnings, blood pressure monitoring, heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygen concentration and core temperature monitoring. This additional safety monitoring is **(OPTIONAL)**. The cost is **\$45.00**

- I do** wish to have the additional monitoring
- I do not** wish to have the additional monitoring

### Pain medication for all NON-Orthopedic Surgeries

Prices Vary by weight:                      Cats 5-15lbs will range from **\$10.60-\$12.00** additional  
Dogs 2-75lbs will range from **\$10.60-\$20.10** additional

**For animals larger than this please ask for an exact quote.**

Pain medication is optional, but **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. It will be administered **DURING** surgery to aide in **keeping your pet comfortable** during the recovery process and their first night of recovery. Additional medication is available upon request.

- I do** request pain medication for my pet
- I do not** wish to have pain medication for my pet

### Therapeutic Laser Therapy

We now offer medical laser therapy for your pet immediately after surgery to help reduce any swelling and local pain around the incision site. The charge for this procedure is an additional **\$9.70**

**\*\*\*\*NOT AVAILABLE FOR MASS REMOVAL SURGERIES OR EYE SURGERIES\*\*\*\***

- I do** request medical laser therapy for my pet
- I do not** request medical laser therapy

### **Propofol Pre-Anesthetic Agent**

While our general anesthesia is very safe, propofol can be added for additional safety especially **HIGH RISK** and **Cardiac patients**. It is **Required** for patients 7 years and older. Cost is **\$32.50**

- I do** want propofol
- I do not** want propofol

### **Microchip**

- I authorize** for my pet to be microchipped
- No**, I would like to decline microchipping at this time
- My pet is already Microchipped.

### **Life saving measures (CPR)**

**In the event of Cardiac Arrest during hospitalization (hear or breathing stops):**

- I request emergency and lifesaving procedures (including Cardiopulmonary resuscitation)** be performed immediately on my pet. I understand I will not be contacted prior to these actions and give permission for the doctors and staff at Town and Country Veterinary hospital to take reasonable measures in treating my pet. I accept all additional charges that are incurred as a result of action. I understand Initiating CPR does not guarantee survival.
- DO NOT resuscitate (DNR)**. I understand Town and Country Veterinary Hospital will do everything possible to keep my pet stable during hospitalization and/or the procedure. If my pet has unstable vital signs, our staff will perform necessary steps to stabilize him/her. However, if my pet suffers cardiopulmonary arrest (hear stops, breathing stops), the staff will NOT attempt CPR. I understand this will lead to death.

### Financial Options

I authorize Town and Country Veterinary Hospital to perform the procedure(s) outlined in the associate treatment plan on my pet. I understand the itemized treatment plan is a good-faith representation of what will be performed during this procedure. If Town and Country Veterinary Hospital encounters any NON-EMERGENCY, unexpected complications, or medical conditions that require the treatment plan to be altered, every effort will be made to contact me as these issues arise. In the case the hospital staff is unable to contact me, Town and Country Veterinary Hospital will follow my instructions as outlined below.

- If unexpected complications or medical problems arise during my pet's hospitalization and I cannot be reached at my contact phone number:**
- DO NOT** perform any treatment or diagnostic testing on my pet that was not outlined in the treatment plan presented to me today. I understand that in some situations, this decision may negatively impact my pet's health, and I take responsibility for delaying care. In making this decision, the doctors and staff at Town and Country Veterinary hospital will not be held liable or responsible for the results of my decision. I understand that should I choose to pursue these recommendations at a later time, follow-up charges will apply in addition to today. Recommendations for unexpected additional services may change as my pet's clinical status changes.
- Perform** additional treatments/services deemed medically necessary by the attending doctor as detailed below. I understand these services were not listed on the treatment plan presented to me and thus additional charges are my responsibility (due at discharge). Town and Country Veterinary Hospital staff will make every attempt to contact me at the numbers I provided before proceeding with the additional services. Treatments/diagnostics that are purely elective, or that will not benefit my pet's immediate health will not be performed without my permission.

I am over 18 and understand that I accept that all procedures will be performed to the best of the abilities of the staff at the hospital, I understand that no guarantee or warranty has been made regarding the results that may be achieved. I also assume full responsibility for any additional expenses incurred after the surgical procedure is performed, such as follow-up radiographs, re-check physical exam and additional surgery due to post-op complication. These are more likely to occur when there is a failure to comply with the aftercare instructions. I have been provided an estimated cost for the procedure(s) listed above. I assume financial responsibility for the recommended services and will provide payment in full at the time my pet is discharged from Town and Country Veterinary Hospital. I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions set forth above.

I have read and agree.

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Pre-surgical Questionnaire

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pets Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you today:

How is your pet's energy level? Describe their normal activity or routine. How do they tolerate exercise?

- Normal
- Moderate
- Sudden changed: (please explain):

Has your pet had any of the following occur in the past week:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Skin Rash
- Change in appetite
- None

Does your pet have a history of any of the following:

- Seizures
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- None
- Other (please explain):

Is your pet allergic to any medications, including anesthesia:

- No
- Yes (please explain):

Have you given your pets any medications or supplements in the past week?

- Yes (please specify):

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- No

What time did your pet last eat and/or drink?

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Do you have any questions or concerns you would like to speak to a staff member about? (Please explain)

# Town and Country Veterinary Hospital

## Surgery Handout

Town and Country Veterinary Hospital, offers a variety of surgical solutions to treat your pet. The most advanced digital imaging and anesthesia monitoring are utilized for comprehensive, high-quality care. Our board-certified anesthesiologists guide anesthetic protocol development to minimize patient risk. The moment your pet enters our hospital for surgery, personalized care from diagnosis to discharge.

**Initial consultation** - Your surgical appointment will start with a consultation, which includes an examination of your pet, review of all information and discussions of the pertinent history. Your Veterinarian will discuss your pet's condition, all treatment options and prognosis. Prior to any treatment, a patient care plan with an estimate of cost will be provided based on this discussion. We understand that each pet is unique and we will work with you to find the best treatment option for your pet and family situation. During this time, you will have an opportunity to ask questions about the benefits and risks of the procedure, follow-up and expected outcome.

**Fasting instructions** - Your pet needs to have an empty stomach before undergoing anesthesia to prevent regurgitation during the procedure, which can cause serious complications. Please feed your pet a normal dinner but **NO FOOD** 12 hours prior to your appointment and **NO WATER** 4 hours prior. This helps ensure the safest procedure possible for your pet.

**Special fasting instructions** - Pediatric patients (less than 6 months of age) should not be fasted for more than 6 hours. Diabetic patients need to fast 12 hours prior to your appointment and receive half their insulin dose with no food the morning of the appointment. Please bring your pet's insulin in its regular bottle. **For both pediatric and diabetic patients no water 4 hours prior to the appointment.**

**Surgical care** - It is of the utmost importance that our patients are safe and comfortable prior to, during and after the surgical procedure. We set up detailed anesthetic and pain management protocols utilizing multi-faceted approaches tailored to best treat each patient. To maximize patient comfort and minimize their stress levels, patients receive pain medication prior to, during and after surgery. Our surgical staff has been trained and makes it a priority to recognize signs of pain in our patients so that they are as comfortable as possible.

Our operating rooms are equipped with the latest anesthesia equipment allowing us to closely monitor patients and make appropriate decisions during surgery. Most patients require overnight hospitalization after their surgical procedure and will be ready for discharge the next day. Please talk to one of the staff members for discharge times.

**Procedure times** - Procedures are performed throughout the day and into the evening. The starting times are determined based upon multiple factors including case's urgency, required diagnostics and equipment availability. A member of our staff will notify you when surgery is about to begin and the surgeon will call with an update of your pet's progress once the procedure is finished. If you have concerns, you can call for an update at any time.

**Recovery** - Hospitalization times vary depending on the procedure. Detailed summaries are sent to your primary veterinarian with recommendations for home recovery, pain management, rehabilitation, and follow-up medical care.

**Updates on your pet** - You may call to obtain patient updates at any time. Please understand that veterinary nurses are not able to discuss test results or a diagnosis with you. Veterinary nursing rounds are scheduled between 8:00 and 8:30 in the morning and between 5:30 and 6:00 evenings, so calling during this time may result in the client service team taking a message.

**Diets** - If your pet is on a special diet or you would prefer that we serve him or her their regular diet, you may leave food with your pet. A few treats are acceptable. All food must be cooked so we do not risk exposing any patient that may already have a compromised immune system to bacteria. We do not accept raw diets.

**Medications** - Please discuss all your pet's current medications with our client service team when booking your appointment as we may require some medications to be temporarily discontinued prior to surgery. We recommend that you bring your pet's medication(s) in the original bottle(s) when your pet is admitted to the hospital. This allows for verification of dosages.

**Personal items** – Any personal items such as blankets, towels, toys, collars and leashes be left at home. Rest assured, we have plenty of towels and blankets for all patients to rest and snuggle on. If you wish to leave something with your pet, understand that it may become soiled or lost despite our best efforts to return every item.

**Visiting** - Visiting a pet on the day of an anesthetic procedure is usually not recommended for routine procedures. This allows your pet to remain calm and begin the healing process. After the first night, if you would like to visit, please speak with our team to schedule a visitation time.

**Discharge information** - When your pet is ready to leave the hospital, a veterinary nurse will review all of the home care instructions with you. This includes bandage and incision care as well as how to give medications. You will be provided with a copy of the discharge instructions to take home. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask or call us anytime. If you need to speak directly to a doctor, please inform us and the doctor will call you when they become available.

**Questions or concerns** - For any non-urgent questions, you will be asked to leave a message for the surgery team or you can email them directly at [TownandCountryVetWinchester@gmail.com](mailto:TownandCountryVetWinchester@gmail.com). If you have any urgent medical concerns outside of Town and Country Veterinary Hospital's normal business hours, please call

**Preparing your home** - After arriving home, you should keep your pet warm and comfortable by providing a soft clean bed, ideally in a quiet and draft-free room at approximately 68° -72° F (20° -22° C). Unless otherwise instructed, your pet should be given ample fresh water. After a few hours, a small amount of food may be given. You should restrict activity by not allowing any jumping as it can cause excessive stretching of the wound.

**Patient care plan** - Once you agree to a course of treatment, you will be presented with a patient care plan that includes an approximate range for the cost of care and gives your authorization for treatment. You may be asked to leave a deposit of at least ½ of the total cost of the procedure at the time of check in.

**Payment options** - Accepted payment options include cash, check, and credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express). Financing options are available through CareCredit for qualifying individuals. If you are interested in applying for CareCredit, please let a member of our team know or apply online at [www.carecredit.com](http://www.carecredit.com)

**Prescription refills** -To allow our staff to provide the in-depth care necessary for our patients, we require 24 hours' notice for prescription refills. Per FDA regulations, dispensed medications may not be returned to Town and Country Veterinary Hospital.