

MapleShade Animal Hospital

Anesthesia Authorization

Pre-anesthetic Testing: Because there is always the possibility a physical exam alone will not identify all of your pet's health problems, we require a pre-anesthetic profile (a combination of blood tests) be performed prior to anesthesia. The tests we perform are similar to and equally important as those your own physician would run if you were going to undergo anesthesia.

It is important to understand that a pre-anesthetic profile does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications. It may, however, greatly reduce the risk of complications as well as identify medical conditions that could require medical treatment in the future.

Microchip: Microchips represent state of the art, unalterable, safe and permanent identification of your pet. We recommend this procedure to all of our patients to insure their safe return if lost and to prevent diversion to any research laboratory.

- YES**, protect my pet with the microchip (\$ 39.50, a \$5 savings).
- NO**, not today.

Pain medications: Research indicates that while pets may APPEAR to withstand pain better than humans, they do, in fact, experience pain to a great degree. During the hospital stay, your pet will receive anesthetic drugs to prevent pain. Additional medications are available which enable us to safely and effectively control the level of your pet's comfort during their recovery at home. Since we care about your pet's comfort and strongly believe pain relief is important, we recommend home pain management.

- YES**, I want my pet to receive additional pain management medications to take home (\$15 - \$30)
- NO**, I do not wish for my pet's take home pain medications prescription to be filled.

Dentals: Often the true nature of dental disease is not revealed until the patient is examined while under anesthesia and some of the tartar has been removed; every effort will be made to salvage your pet's teeth, however, sometimes teeth need to be extracted at an additional charge.

Spays or Neuters: We believe any BABY TEETH that have not fallen out by six months of age should be removed to avoid damage to permanent teeth. Please understand that we cannot leave your anesthetized pet in order to phone you, therefore we would like to have permission to perform extractions as deemed necessary by the veterinarian.

- YES**, you have permission to extract teeth if necessary.
- NO**, do not extract any of my pet's teeth, regardless of their condition.

This last question pertains to DOGS ONLY. If you are a feline owner proceed to the bottom of the page.

Heartworm Preventative: ALL DOGS undergoing anesthesia of any kind must be on year-round heartworm preventative or be tested before anesthesia is used.

- YES**, my pet is on year-round heartworm preventative and is current on a heartworm test.
- NO**, my pet is not on year-round heartworm preventative therefore is not current on a heartworm test and will need to be tested before anesthesia.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Emergency Phone Number 2: _____