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Anesthesia/Surgery Consent Form

Like you, our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Prior to anesthetizing your pet, we will perform a complete physical examination. **Blood testing** is advised on all pets prior to anesthesia. Many conditions, including disorders of the liver or kidneys, low grade infections, or anemia can only be detected through blood testing and exam, possibly before your pet shows clinical signs of illness. Since most anesthetics are metabolized by the liver and kidneys, disease in one of these organs can increase the risk associated with anesthesia. In some cases, such as geriatric or sick patients, the doctor may *require* blood testing prior to anesthesia. Our in-house laboratory is equipped with the latest technology to perform blood screening tests. Test results will be discussed with you when you come to pick up your pet at the end of the day. If a problem is detected during the physical exam or on the blood work, a doctor will contact you to discuss any recommended course of action prior to surgery. Surgery will be postponed if it is deemed to be in the best interest of your pet.

An **intravenous (IV) catheter** is required for all anesthetized patients. Catheter placement enables us to administer IV fluids during the procedure, if needed, which helps prevent low blood pressure and dehydration in your pet. It also allows for the immediate administration of life-saving drugs in the event of an emergency.

The **control of pain** is a very important aspect of the surgical procedure. *Our goal is to minimize the inherent discomfort associated with all surgical procedures.* A pain free animal requires a lower level of anesthesia throughout the procedure. This increases the safety for your pet and helps ensure a smooth and speedy recovery. **This pain management protocol will be added to each surgical procedure at a cost of \$27.50.** This includes all pain control medications used while your pet is in our care.

In addition, we will prescribe take-home **post-operative pain control**. Pain-free animals recover from surgery more quickly and with fewer complications. The medications used and length of treatment course will vary based upon the procedure performed and the degree of pain involved with the procedure. The cost for your pet will be determined by the size of the pet and the medications used.

We recommend post-operative laser therapy to help reduce the pain associated with surgery and to speed healing. Laser therapy uses laser light to penetrate tissue, reducing pain and inflammation and increasing healing. **Laser therapy can be performed post-operatively on your pet's incision for \$18.**

While your pet is under anesthesia we maintain a constant record of vital signs including heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygenation levels, blood pressure, and temperature. This helps us to detect potential anesthetic complications early and treat them before they become life threatening. **Anesthetic monitoring will be added to each surgical procedure at a cost of \$28.00.**

Microchip implantation (Home Again®) is available; the chip can easily be placed into your pet by injection. The chip is the size of a grain of rice and permanently identifies your pet in case they were to become lost. A handheld scanner identifies the chip's number which, after registration, is traceable to the owner. For your convenience, TAHS will handle the **registration** procedure for you as well.

Pet's Name _____

Surgical Procedure to be performed _____

In addition to the fees assessed for **pain management** (\$27.50), **anesthetic monitoring** (\$28.00), and **IV catheterization** (\$47.75) for every surgical patient, the following are advised while your pet is here for surgery. Please circle yes or no for each of the following options:

YES NO I request **blood testing** as a pre-surgical health screen (\$79.00)

YES NO I request **Home Again microchip** implantation and registration (\$55.00)

Please enter e-mail address for microchip registration _____

YES NO I request **post-operative laser therapy** (\$18)

YES NO I would like photographs of my pet texted or e-mailed to me post-operatively (no charge)

Please enter phone # or e-mail address for picture _____

Is your pet on any medications (other than heartworm/flea control)? If so please list the medication as well as the dosage, frequency, and time last given:

Are there any other procedures you would like performed on your pet while he/she is under anesthesia (nail trim, ear cleaning, anal gland expression, etc)?

Additional comments/notes for the doctor:

I understand the procedure to be performed on my pet and have no further questions at this time. I acknowledge there may be concealed health risks to my pet and release TAHS and staff from any liability relating to unforeseen complications arising from anesthesia/surgery. I will be available at the phone numbers listed below at all times during the day of the procedure. If the doctors at TAHS cannot reach me by phone, I agree to allow any treatment deemed necessary for the health of my pet.

Owner's name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Daytime phone number _____

Cellular phone number _____