



Release for General Anesthesia with Surgical/Dental Prophylaxis

Pre-anesthetic Blood Screening

Every procedure that requires the use of a general anesthetic involves some risk. We make every effort to minimize the risk of a general anesthesia. Physical examination before anesthesia is very important to detect subclinical signs of illness or organ failure in the early stages. Blood tests can verify that these organs are working normally and reassure us that anesthesia should not be unnecessarily risky. In addition, these tests can alert us of health problems in the early stages, so they can be addressed before more damage occurs.

We recommend a mini blood screening test for all patients, even young dogs and cats, prior to anesthesia. In some cases, our veterinarians may recommend more extensive testing prior to anesthesia depending on your pet's age and condition. Occasionally, because of pediatric diseases or congenital/inherited conditions of the liver, kidneys or pancreas, even young healthy appearing puppies or kittens can have subclinical conditions that would increase risk of a general anesthetic. If abnormalities are detected on the pre-anesthetic screening, we will contact you regarding any further workup or treatment necessary to address the problem. The mini blood screening test is an additional \$90.00. Our staff veterinarian will advise you of the cost if additional testing is recommended.

- YES, I want my pet to have a pre-anesthetic blood screen prior to anesthesia.
- NO, I understand the risks of anesthesia and I do not want my pet to have a pre-anesthetic blood screening test prior to anesthesia.

General Information on Dental Procedures

While some abnormalities such as broken or loose teeth may be noted on physical examination, 60% of abnormalities can only be detected with dental X-Rays while the animal is under anesthesia. In such cases it may be necessary to repair and/or extract teeth which may not have appeared obviously abnormal on routine physical exam. Upon examination and review of your pet's teeth and dental X-rays our staff veterinarian will decide whether extraction or other treatment is medically necessary.

- YES, I give my permission for extraction or other dental work deemed necessary by our veterinary staff. I realize this will increase the cost of the dental procedure. Additional costs will depend on the nature of the work needed.
- NO, I do not give my permission for any extraction or additional treatments. I authorize anesthesia and dental cleaning only.
- I understand that if additional extraction or treatment are necessary and I cannot be reached to obtain permission for such procedures, the procedures will not be performed and an additional anesthesia and expense may be necessary if I elect to complete the procedure at a later time.
- I decline dental X-rays and release Highland Park Animal Hospital from all liability relating to problems that could have been detected with dental X-rays.
- Laser Therapy is a safe non-invasive treatment that reduces swelling and pain after extractions. The additional charge is \$15.