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Client

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Patient

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Date

### **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Testing Consent Form**

*Please read carefully and sign*

Your pet is scheduled for a procedure that requires anesthesia. We would like to take the opportunity to explain why pre-anesthetic blood testing is important to the health of your pet.

Like you, our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet. Before putting your pet under anesthesia, a full examination will be performed to identify any existing medical conditions that could complicate the procedure and compromise the health of your pet.

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

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

Our panels include:

**Healthy patients under 8 years of age**

BUN (Kidneys)                      Creatinine (Kidneys)                      ALT (Liver)  
Glucose (Diabetes/Sugar)      Total Protein (Hydration)  
Complete Blood Count (Anemia, infection)  
Coagulation (Blood clotting)

**Sick or geriatric patients**

Includes all tests above, and:

Albumin (Protein)                      Potassium                      Calcium (Tumors)  
Total Bilirubin (Liver)                      Amylase (Pancreas)      Cholesterol  
ALP (Liver)                      Electrolytes

Please complete the recommended blood testing prior to administering anesthesia to my pet. If abnormalities are found, contact me at this number:

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Signature of Owner

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Emergency Contact Number

I decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood tests at this time and request that you proceed with anesthesia. I assume full financial responsibility for this animal. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical exam alone. I understand that my pet's health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia.

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Signature of Owner

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Emergency Contact Number

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