

Arbor Animal Clinic

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PRE-OPERATIVE / PRE-ANESTHESIA INFORMATION SHEET

A procedure requiring sedation or general anesthesia has been recommended for your pet. Our practice always wants what is best and safest for our patients. We understand that many factors affect your decisions for your pet, including cost. We strongly recommend Lab Tests before anesthesia, intravenous fluid support during anesthesia, and pain medications for painful procedures. These are not required, but are options that we encourage you to choose. When we provide you with an Estimate for Services you will receive two estimates: one with the procedure itself and one with the following options. Please discuss this with our Doctors if you have any questions.

1) **Pre-op/Pre-anesthesia Labwork:** This allows our Doctors to have a fuller understanding of the health of our patients before the procedure. It can identify many medical problems that physical examination may not reveal. PreOp #1 consists of twenty two blood chemistry tests, a complete set of blood counts, thyroid hormone and a urinalysis. It is especially important for the older animal or a patient with previous medical problems. Our PreOp #2 has seven blood tests and a complete set of blood counts. These lab tests should be completed at least one day prior to the procedure. On the day of the procedure we can still offer lab testing, which will be done in the clinic, with the same two prices and options, but we are able to include more tests when scheduled in advance and sent to our outside lab. Please allow our receptionists to schedule this labwork for your pet.

2) **Intravenous Fluid Support:** This means placing an I.V. catheter in our patient's leg vein and delivering fluids before, during and after anesthesia. Fluid therapy is recommended to maintain blood pressure and support the kidneys while your pet is under anesthesia. This has the added advantage of allowing the Doctor quick access for I.V. drugs in case of an emergency. The fee is half of our normal charge in order to encourage this important option.

3) **Pain Management Package:** Your pet's recommended procedure will be done under anesthesia, but many patients should receive additional pain medications. Often these are given for several days to prevent suffering from pain. The doctor will determine exactly which drugs are needed, as we have many options. We use a variety of narcotic analgesics and anti-inflammatory medications. For some surgeries, additional pain medication may be required (not optional) and for some sedation/anesthesia procedures, such as dental cleanings without tooth extractions and xrays, pain medication may not be needed.