Pre-anesthetic Instructions

1. Please remove your pet's food so they do not eat after 10:00 p.m. the night before anesthesia and do not offer any food the morning of the procedure. Fresh water should always be available.

2. Please bring your pet to the clinic between 7:00-8:30 a.m. the morning of the procedure unless previous arrangements have been made. A consent form will need to be signed at drop off.

3. Procedures are performed in the morning. If you do not receive an update please feel free to call to check on your pet.

4. Animals having surgery will stay overnight and can go home between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. the next day unless other arrangements have been made with the doctor.

5. Animals having dental procedures can usually go home later in the afternoon when fully recovered from anesthesia.

6. All charges for services performed are due at the time the animal is picked up.

Preanesthetic blood testing is strongly recommended to enable a clear picture of your pet's health before anesthesia. This blood screen helps evaluate what is happening inside your pet's body and may expose any diseases your pet is experiencing. Detecting early changes before any symptoms are seen can help diagnose and prevent or slow down many diseases in the long run.

If any test results are abnormal we can alter the anesthesia regimen, take other precautions such as intravenous fluids, or postpone the procedure to reduce the risk of complications. If all the tests are normal we will have a good baseline specific to your pet for future reference. We recommend these tests depending on the age of your pet to reduce the risks from anesthesia:

**Profile #1: Basic Screen** (healthy animals younger than 7 years old)
- Complete Blood Count: (anemia, infection, bleeding)
- Critical Care Panel: (liver, kidney, diabetes, several electrolytes)

**Profile #2: Wellness Screen** (healthy animals over 7 years old)
- Complete Blood Count (anemia, infection, bleeding)
- Comprehensive Chemistry Profile: (14 tests of organ health and function including liver, bone, pancreas, kidney, diabetes, infection, electrolytes)

**Profile #3: Comprehensive Screen** (higher risk patients)
- Complete Blood Count: (anemia, infection, bleeding)
- Comprehensive Chemistry Profile: (14 tests of organ health and function including liver, bone, pancreas, kidney, diabetes, infection, electrolytes)
- Clotting Panel: liver, vitamin k deficiency, underlying infection, hemophilia

Please call our office if you have further questions about your pet's procedure or anesthesia. You will be required to sign a consent/estimate form for the procedure and pre-anesthetic blood tests at the time you drop off your pet. We look forward to seeing you and your pet soon.