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SURGICAL INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM:

Here are a few things you need to know prior to your pet's upcoming surgical procedure at Bayside Animal Hospital:

1. Your pet can have water, but please **remove food 12 hours prior to surgery**. Anesthesia can make some pets nauseous, so we ask that they have an empty stomach to avoid aspiration.
2. Please drop your pet off between **7:30 and 8:30 am**. Surgery will be performed sometime between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. You may call to check on your pet any time **after 4:00 pm**. He/she will be ready to go home with you the following morning.
3. In addition to the pre-anesthetic physical exam performed on all patients, we do require that **pre-anesthetic bloodwork** be performed on your pet. Bloodwork may reveal internal diseases before any outward symptoms have appeared. In particular, bloodwork may reveal conditions (ex. dehydration, infection and anemia) that increase the risk of anesthesia and surgery if not corrected. **The cost for pre-anesthetic bloodwork is included in the surgery fee**. We also require that all pets receive an IV catheter and fluids during all anesthetic procedures.
4. **We know you're worried, but...** at Bayside Animal Hospital we take every precaution to ensure that your pet will do well. In addition to the doctor, a trained veterinary anesthesia technician is present at all times. We use only isoflurane gas (the safest). All patients have an IV catheter in place for administration of IV medications should the need arise. All patients are monitored via a heart monitor and a pulse oximeter, which is one of the most sensitive indicators of anesthetic depth. The patient's blood pressure is checked every 20 minutes. Patients are placed on a warm water circulating heat pad to keep them warm during surgery. There is no additional charge for all of the extra monitoring equipment, which enables us to detect potential medical problems. However, **should a problem be detected, it will be corrected at the owner's expense**.

5. If the pet having surgery is a recently adopted cat, we recommend a blood test for feline leukemia/feline aids viruses. Feline leukemia and feline aids are two viruses that slowly and gradually suppress the immune system (similar to human aids) and both are eventually fatal. In the early stages a cat with leukemia or aids can look completely normal. It is important to know whether or not your cat is infected with either of these viruses before you become emotionally and financially invested. ***The cost for a leukemia/aids test is \$54.16.***
6. You also have the option of having your pet implanted with a ***microchip ID*** while anesthetized. Microchip IDs provide permanent means of identification if your pet is ever lost or stolen. Animal shelters and researchers are trained to check for a microchip with a microchip ID scanner. ***The cost for a microchip ID is \$83.26***
7. All pets receive a complimentary ***nail trim*** and (if necessary) ***anal gland*** expression while anesthetized.
8. Any pets entering the hospital with fleas will be treated at the owner's expense. Treatment will usually consist of an oral medication called *Capstar*, which kills fleas within 4 hours and leaves no pesticide residue on your pet. ***Cost is usually less than \$7.00.***
9. Current vaccinations are required on all pets at the time of surgery. If your pet received vaccines elsewhere, please provide proof of vaccines or a phone number for us to call for verification.

Please sign this form and bring it with you on the day of surgery. Thank you.

Procedure _____

Pet's Name _____

Today's Date _____

Client Signature _____

Phone Number _____

✓ I would like a feline leukemia/aids test (cost is \$54.16) performed on my recently adopted cat.
 YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

✓ I would like to have a microchip ID (cost is \$83.26) for my pet while asleep.
 YES _____ NO _____