

### Surgical/Anaesthesia Information

**Your pet should not have any food after 8 p.m. the night before surgery. You may give a little bit of water.**

**Surgical Procedure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Procedure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-anaesthetic Blood Safety Screen** - Our on-site laboratory lets us screen for hidden problems before your pet's treatment begins. These tests also provide a baseline for monitoring your pet during surgery, and can indicate chemical imbalances that could affect the pet under anaesthesia. A Pre-anaesthetic blood screens is highly recommended for all procedures, but is **REQUIRED** for all animals over 7 years of age.

**Anaesthesia** – Central Animal Hospital uses the same safe Isoflurane gas that is often used in human medicine. Isoflurane is primarily eliminated through the respiratory tract rather than through the kidneys or liver. This reduces the risk associated with anaesthesia and allows for a quick recovery.

**Monitoring** - Your pet's blood pressure, temperature, heart rate and rhythm, respirations, and oxygen levels are closely monitored using state-of-the-art equipment. We use a range of techniques and equipment to help maintain your pet's body temperature while under anaesthesia.

**Intravenous catheter with fluids** - Administration of intravenous fluids helps the patient recover more quickly from anaesthesia, maintains blood pressure, and increases circulation during anaesthesia. The intravenous catheter is also used to administer medications if needed. This is **mandatory** for mature and large breed dog spays and other major surgical procedures.

**Pain management** - Your pet's comfort is important to us. We proactively control pain associated with any procedure with appropriate pain management medications. With certain procedures, we will send home a few days of additional pain control.

On the morning of the surgery, we urge you to allow for a few extra minutes to carefully go over this information as well as the surgical consent form with a member of our team. Please be prepared to leave contact information as it is very important that we are able to reach you between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the event of an emergency.