

**College Mall Veterinary Hospital**  
**What you need to know when checking your pet in for surgery or a procedure:**

When your pet comes in for surgery or a procedure that requires anesthesia or sedation, you will be asked to sign a consent form. There are questions that will be asked regarding whether your pet has been fasting overnight, whether we are to do blood tests before the procedure, and whether you want your pet on IV fluids during the procedure. There will also be a question of whether you want us to place a microchip for permanent form of identification in your pet while he or she is under sedation. You will also be asked if you would like pain medications to take home for your pet.

These are all recommendations that incur more expense, so we place these questions on the consent form so that you will know what expense to expect and to give you a chance to ask questions or decline the service if the expense is more than you can afford.

Blood tests that include some kidney and liver enzymes and blood glucose help us determine if there is an underlying problem such as kidney failure, diabetes or other conditions that would change what anesthesia regimen we would use or indicate we should not do a certain procedure. Many times these blood tests have been done several days before the procedure with blood sent to an outside lab for results. If that has not been done, we can do a short profile in the office the day of surgery which will help us determine these things.

The IV fluids are recommended for anesthesia as an added measure of safety to help keep the blood pressure at a good level and to help combat dehydration from fasting. The fluids help to maintain good blood flow to the kidneys and other organs during anesthesia. The IV line also gives us a more direct route for administration of drugs that may be necessary if any complications happen during the procedure.

The microchip for identification doesn't really affect the procedure in any way, but this is a convenient time to place the chip when your pet won't feel the needle used to place it.

We use the consent form as a way to inform you as a client as to what we recommend and need to know before your animal has a procedure done. Hopefully, it is a time that we can answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the procedure that we will be doing on your pet. As with any medical procedure, even though we expect good results there may be complications or situations that arise that have not been anticipated.

Please be sure that your pet has fasted: **No food after 9pm the night before. Water is OK through the night but please remove it first thing in the morning. Your Veterinarian may give you different instructions depending on the procedure being performed.**  
**The check in time for surgery/procedures is between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.**

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Procedure \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_