



## Preview of Surgery Consent Form with Available Options

Your pet is about to undergo a procedure requiring sedation or general anesthesia. Country View Animal Hospital wants to be sensitive to your wishes and expectations. Your pet's health and comfort are our ultimate goals and we would like to give you all the options available. Modern anesthetics are very safe, however there are risks taken with the use of any drug. Even young, apparently healthy animals can have unknown health problems or allergies that can put them at a higher risk for complications. These options are offered to further decrease the risks or to decrease pain related to the procedure. There may be additional charges for selected options. We will discuss what options are recommended/available for your pet's procedure in detail during your check-in appointment the morning of the surgery.

### **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Work**

We recommend blood work be done prior to any surgical procedure. Pets over the age of 8 years are at an increased risk of having underlying problems that could complicate anesthesia. Pre-anesthetic blood work includes tests for kidney and liver functions as well as red and white blood cell counts and platelet counts.

### **Laser Surgery**

At Country View Animal Hospital we have the capability to perform Laser Surgery. Using the laser during surgical procedures decreases bleeding, swelling, risk of infection and post-operative pain. Most surgeries routinely performed with a scalpel can now be done with the laser.

### **Therapeutic Laser Treatment**

Country View Animal Hospital has a therapeutic laser for post operative treatment of the incision site. It helps speed up the healing process by promoting tissue regeneration, reducing inflammation and relieving pain.

### **Intravenous Catheter and Fluid Therapy**

An intravenous catheter (IVC) provides direct access to your pet's bloodstream during surgery. Fluids administered while your pet is under anesthesia help prevent dehydration and ensure that all internal organs have adequate blood flow throughout the procedure. In the event of an anesthetic reaction, the IVC provides an immediate route to administer emergency medications. IVC and fluid therapy is included at no additional cost for spay surgeries. It is an option for neuter surgeries. For some other surgeries, it may be required for the safety of your pet.

### **Microchip Permanent Identification**

A microchip the size of a grain of rice, containing an ID number, is permanently implanted under your pet's skin. The chip is then registered with 24Pet Watch, a national pet retrieval database. If your pet is lost, shelters, animal hospitals and rescue organizations can scan your pet and have it returned to you. Pets can be identified even if collars or tags are missing.

**Please have at least one phone number available where we can reach you (or another person authorized to make medical decisions for your pet) during the day regarding your pet's procedure. This allows us to discuss any unexpected findings with blood work or during the procedure. If we are unable to reach you during the procedure, we will do what is deemed medically necessary for your pet. You agree to assume responsibility for all associated costs.**