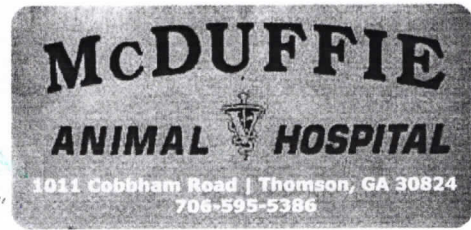


Pet Name: _____
Owner Name: _____
Patient ID: _____
Date: _____



Pre-surgical Blood Testing

Our greatest concern is the well-being of your pet, especially during anesthesia. In preparation for any anesthetic event, patient blood work is evaluated as part of our procedures to ensure adequate health of your pet.

Performing pre-operative blood work reduces the risk but may not prevent complications. It does help us to:

- Minimize the risk of anesthesia by determining the safest medications to use for your pet.
- Identify any underlying diseases not found by the history or physical examination.
- Establish healthy baseline values.
- Postpone procedures and perform additional diagnostic testing if indicated.

Recommended Tests:

Complete Blood Count (CBC):

- White Blood Cells: Evaluates the immune system status and identifies infection or inflammation.
- Red Blood Cells: Evaluates the body's ability to carry oxygen to the tissues.
- Platelets: Part of the blood clotting system, adequate numbers must be present to prevent excessive bleeding.

Chemistry and Electrolyte Profile

- Chemistry tests provide vital information about the internal organ function (liver, kidneys, pancreas) that cannot be determined from a physical examination.
- Electrolytes provide vital information regarding heart function, fluid balance and the need for fluids during and after anesthesia.

Coagulation Testing

- In addition to platelets, clotting factors are needed to stop bleeding in the body. Most of these factors are made in the liver and can be evaluated using tests called PT (Prothrombin Time), aPTT (Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time).
- Recommended before surgical procedures where bleeding may occur (including dental procedures).

I decline the recommended pre-anesthetic blood test for my pet _____ and request that you proceed with anesthesia. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical examination alone. I understand that my pet's health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia. I also understand that performing these blood tests reduces the risk but does not eliminate the potential for complications.

Owner or Responsible Agent

Date