

General Anesthesia Consent Form

Alert (if any):

Please correct any information that needs correction: _____

Patient ID#:		Owner
Name:	Name:	
Breed:	Address:	
Coloration:		
Date of Birth:	Phone:	
Gender:	Email:	

Reminders with Due Dates:

PROCEDURE OR SURGERY TODAY: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER TODAY: _____

PRE-ANESTHESIA BLOOD SCREEN RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PETS

Anesthesia carries some risk (even though it may be small). Therefore blood testing is recommended before general anesthesia. The anesthetic agent is removed from the body by the liver and kidneys, so it is important to know before anesthesia that these organs are functioning at 100%. Blood work can help us make this determination. If there is any medication or organ dysfunction, then appropriate steps can be taken to ensure _____ safety.

Your veterinarian already may have recommended this procedure. If not, you can elect to have this inexpensive testing performed by marking the appropriate box below. Our laboratory is fully equipped and staffed to perform these tests. Results will be immediately available before general anesthesia and/or surgery. To request this service, please check the appropriate box.

- YES. I want _____ to have pre-anesthesia blood screening. \$40.54
- NO. I do not want pre-anesthesia blood screen performed for _____.

HOME AGAIN IDENTIFICATION MICROCHIP RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PETS

Reuniting lost or stolen pets with their owners is an increasing problem. The Home Again Identification Microchip can help alleviate this problem. This small chip, implanted between Babe's shoulder blades, will allow veterinary hospitals and animal shelters to identify her and contact you.

Recent standardization of this technology means that the chip can be read not only by our hospital and the scanners we have donated to local animal shelters, but also by veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, and research facilities all over the country. Additionally this technology may help facilitate international travel and minimize quarantine. Australia has recently announced that they will consider eliminating the quarantine period for pets that have the ID chip implanted by their veterinarian. This move is indicative of the importance of this technology.

For an additional \$17.50, Babe can be enrolled in the American Kennel Club's companion Animal Recovery Program. You will receive notification in about 3-4 weeks after Babe's ID chip has been registered. Enrollment will allow this central database to match Babe's ID number to you. They will call and speak to you directly informing you of her whereabouts. To request the Home Again Microchip, please check the appropriate box.

- YES. I want Babe to receive the Home Again Identification Microchip. \$56.60
- NO. I do not want Babe to receive the Home Again Identification Microchip.

NAIL TRIM

Nail trimming is considerably easier and more comfortable for your pet while under anesthesia. Please check the appropriate box below if you wish this performed.

- YES. I want Babe to have her nails trimmed @ \$14.25
- NO. I do not want Babe's nails trimmed

ECG RECOMMENDED FOR OLDER PETS

An electrocardiogram (ECG) is recommended for all pets 7 years of age or older prior to general anesthesia. Anesthesia places an added burden on the heart making it important to identify underlying conditions.

Our hospital is fully equipped with ECG equipment. This makes rapid evaluation possible, and results will be available before general anesthesia. To request this service, please check the appropriate box.

- YES. I want Babe to have pre-anesthesia ECG. \$26.85
- NO. I do not want pre-anesthesia ECG performed.

I have been advised as to the nature of the procedure or operations described above and the risks involved. I authorize the use of appropriate anesthetics and medications that are needed to perform these procedures or operations. I understand that unforeseen conditions may extend the procedure or surgery and that if this happens the NMAH staff will try to contact me to discuss these conditions. If I cannot be reached, I consent to having the North Mecklenburg Animal Hospital take the steps necessary to help ensure the safe care of Babe.

Signature of Owner/Agent

09:09

Date

PERMISSION TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PAIN RELIEF

- Pets can't tell us when they hurt, so it can be difficult to know when they are in pain. But since the perception of pain is similar for humans and pets, we assume *any condition or injury capable of causing pain in humans is also capable of causing pain in pets.*
- Pain is more than unpleasant sensation. If left untreated, it can lead to suffering and harmful physical effects, and actually interfere with the healing process.
- Our practice understands the importance of pain management and offers effective methods to meet Babe's specific needs.
- Administration of medication may be warranted before, during and/or after the procedure to reduce pain and discomfort for Babe and to promote a faster recovery.

You can help protect Babe from unnecessary pain, by accepting our practice's recommendation for pain relief medication.

I hereby:

- accept the use of pain relief medication for Babe.
- decline the use of pain relief medication for Babe.

Signature of Owner/Agent

09:09

Date