



## **Presurgical/Preanesthetic Screening Release**

Each surgical or anesthetic procedure has some risk involved (even though it may be small). Therefore, blood, organ and heart tests are recommended before the anesthesia or surgery is done. The anesthetic agent is removed from the body by the liver and kidneys, so it is very important to know before administering anesthesia that these organs are functioning normally. One of the leading causes of anesthetic associated deaths is undiagnosed heart disease. If heart, organ or blood dysfunction is found before anesthesia is administered, then appropriate steps can be taken to provide for the safety of your pet.

You may have already had the blood tests done and are here for your pet's appointment. In addition to the testing already done, we recommend the electrocardiogram (ECG) screen to lower your pet's risk with anesthesia even further. The ECG checks for abnormal heart rhythm. Performing the recommended tests does not ensure a complication-free anesthetic event (some complications cannot be predicted), but it does definitely decrease the probability of complications due to preexisting disease.

All clients admitting a pet for surgery/anesthesia must select and check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form. This fee is in addition to the surgery fees.

Fee for ECG screen alone \$ 42.00

- Yes, I want my pet to have a preanesthetic ECG screen
- No, I do not want my pet to have a preanesthetic ECG screen

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call us at (920)885-4148.