

CONSENT for LABORATORY / DENTAL / MEDICAL / SURGICAL PROCEDURES

"<animal>" <last-name> <age> <breed> <phone>

"Traditional Values, Innovative Medicine"

The doctors and staff of Merrimack Veterinary Hospital will make every attempt to minimize anxiety and discomfort in your pet during their hospitalization. We feel very strongly about preventative pain management for any *potentially* painful procedure. When appropriate our doctors will administer pain medication before, during, and/or after <animal>'s procedure, and may elect to send home pain medication as well.

Pre-anesthetic blood work is required for all canine and feline patients undergoing anesthesia in order to help identify underlying problems with internal organs and to establish baseline medical values. This lab work will determine which anesthetic drugs are safest for your pet. The doctors and staff will recommend which blood work is best based on your pet's age and relevant medical history.

Be aware that conditions which increase risk associated with sedation and anesthesia include: obesity, diabetes, infection, blunt trauma, kidney disease, heart disease, liver disease, cancer, endocrine disease, and extreme stress or anxiety.

Contagious disease transfer between pets is a serious concern in any animal facility. To minimize such risks we require that all healthy dogs and cats be properly vaccinated prior to hospitalization. Additionally, dogs must have had an annual fecal sample checked by a veterinarian and treated for contagious internal parasites or bacteria if appropriate. This applies to all cats as well, although we will accept cats that have had an annual prophylactic de-worming without a fecal test (this is for outdoor cats where stool is not accessible). Additionally, cats must have had an annual FeLV / FIV test prior to anesthesia (whether indoor only or indoor/outdoor). We reserve the right to treat any pet (at owner's expense) if fleas, ticks, or internal parasites are discovered while at our facility to prevent the spread of these parasites to others.

I have read and understand the above. I authorize Merrimack Veterinary Hospital to perform the following procedures and assume full responsibility for any incurred expenses related to these procedures:

I also grant permission for the use of sedatives, anesthetics, diagnostic, and treatment procedures as deemed necessary by the doctor. I understand that the administration of anesthetic or sedative drugs has inherent risk. Even though the doctors and staff at Merrimack Veterinary Hospital will use sound judgment, some animals may react poorly and death is a rare, but possible outcome.

While hospitalized I would like <animal> to receive permanent microchip identification:
Yes No Cost is \$49.00

SIGNATURE OF OWNER / AGENT: _____

TODAY'S PHONE #'s: _____ <Date>