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Your pet, \_\_\_\_\_, is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

Because we want to provide the best possible care for your pet, we have instituted a progressive surgery program at Animal Hospital of Ovilla. We would like you to follow these steps to help ensure your pet's health and safety.

1. Realize that **your pet is going to undergo a major medical procedure**. For example, the surgery commonly called a "spay" is often treated as though it is a routine procedure. It may be common, but surgery is never routine. A "spay" is actually an ovariohysterectomy. To put this into perspective, in a human this surgery typically would be followed with several days of hospitalization and 6 weeks of at-home recovery.
2. The night before the surgery **make sure your pet does not have any food after 8:00 pm and only small amounts of water**. Food in the stomach may cause nausea when your pet goes under anesthesia and during recovery. After your pet is awake, we will give it some food and water. NOTE: Puppies and kittens under 6 months of age may have food until midnight. No food should be given in the morning. If you have a small breed dog (under 5 lbs.) do give it 1 tablespoon of food in the morning; if you have a pet over 7 years old, provide it with water overnight.
3. **Bring your pet between 7:00-7:15 am. Encourage your pet to use the bathroom before entering the hospital**. We've set up a specific time for bringing in pets so that a technician can meet with you and go over the procedure. At this time we will also go over the pet's vaccination status (vaccinations must be up-to-date; we can administer them before the surgery if needed) and we will examine your pet for fleas and ticks (if any are found, your pet will be treated for them). Depending on the number of questions you may have, it should only take about 10 minutes to check in your pet. **A responsible person, who can make financial decisions for your family, must bring in the pet**, as signatures will be required on various authorization forms. Be sure we have an accurate phone number so that we can reach you in case we have questions. **If you arrive after 7:30, we may not be able to perform your pet's surgery that day**. We do offer check-in the day before the surgery (your pet stays with us overnight) for a small fee.
4. At check-in time, **you will be given options for blood work on your pet**. We strongly recommend blood work before any general anesthesia; for pets 7 years or older, **we require it**. This is because an apparently healthy pet may actually have severe abnormalities, which could warrant modifying our surgery protocol or even postponing the surgery. Blood tests give indications of organ function, cellular health, and presence of infection. The cost ranges from \$85-\$175 in addition to the cost of the surgical procedure.
  - Profile 1: For patients under 7 years of age; measures seven parameters.
  - Profile 2: This is **mandatory** for patients 7 years of age and older; measures 15 parameters. Pets 7 years of age and older are also required to have IV fluids administered during the procedure for their safety at an additional cost of \$45-85.
5. **Once the surgery has been completed**, we will make every effort to call you with a report; or, you may call us after 11:00 am. We will also schedule a discharge appointment when we call; your pet will most likely be discharged the next day so that we can control its recovery environment overnight and examine its sutures in the morning.
6. **Please arrive to pick up your pet at the scheduled discharge time**. Allow 10 minutes so that a technician can meet with you to go over at-home recovery care and any necessary medications. Again, **a responsible person must pick up the pet**.

Please remember our policy that any surgeries cancelled less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled date will incur a \$50 fee.

Thank you for helping us to take excellent care of your pet!



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## Surgery/Treatment Consent

Client Name:  
Address:

Patient:  
Species:  
Breed:  
Sex:  
Color:  
Markings:

Telephone:  
Admitting  
technician:

Birth Date:

**Procedure**

I certify that I am the owner, or authorized agent of the owner, of the above named animal and have the authority to authorize treatment. I do hereby consent and authorize Animal Hospital of Ovilla and its staff to hospitalize my pet to perform the above procedure(s). I understand that some risk of adverse effects always exists with anesthesia and medical and surgical treatments. Adverse effects may include, but are not limited to, infection, neurologic disease, cardiovascular disorders, metabolic disease, disfigurement and, rarely, death. I also understand that no specific result is guaranteed. I further authorize the hospital staff to provide emergency procedures deemed necessary by the veterinarian for the well-being of my pet. I understand if fleas are found on my pet, they will be treated at my expense.

When did your pet eat last?

What medications is your pet on currently?

When did your pet last receive the medication(s)?

Pre-anesthetic blood testing allows us to screen for underlying liver and kidney disease, diabetes, anemia and dehydration in young apparently healthy patients. (Testing is required for pets 7 years and older.)

Would you like us to run pre-anesthetic bloodwork for an additional fee?

Yes  No  Already Performed

A microchip is a form of identification that allows your pet to be identified even if his/her collar is removed.

We can quickly and painlessly insert a microchip under your animal's skin while he/she is under anesthesia.

Would you like us to place a microchip in your pet today for an additional fee?

Yes  No  Already Performed

An IV catheter will allow open access in case of an emergency, and will also enable a smoother recovery.

Will you allow us to place an IV catheter in your pet for an additional fee?

Yes  No

I understand that all fees for my animal's care will be due in full at the time of discharge.

I understand that it may be necessary for the veterinarian to contact me while my pet is under anesthesia.

**I will be available at:** \_\_\_\_\_  **Voice**  **Text** If I am unavailable, please proceed in the best interest of my pet. I understand that there may be additional charges.

Signature of Owner or Responsible Person:

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