

# ANAESTHETIC AND SURGICAL CONSENT FORM



Somerset West

PATIENT DETAILS	
Patient name:	_____
Patient number:	_____
Surname:	_____
(or hospital patient ID sticker)	

Your pet \_\_\_\_\_ is undergoing a/an sterilization / castration under general anaesthetic today. In the best interest of his/her health and safety, please read through this form carefully, initial where applicable and sign the authorisation on the last page.

## Pre-anaesthetic health questionnaire

(circle the applicable answer)

Comments:

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| • Has your pet had <u>any</u> food in the last 12 hours?.....                                  | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has your pet ever had any previous anaesthetic complications?.....                           | yes   no | _____ |
| • Is your pet allergic to any drugs / medication?.....   | yes   no | _____ |
| • Is your pet currently experiencing any coughing, sneezing, vomiting or diarrhoea?.....       | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has there been any abnormal increase in water intake or urination over the last 6 months?... | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has there been any abnormal increase or decrease in appetite over the last 6 months?.....    | yes   no | _____ |
| • Does your pet get out of breath with non strenuous normal exercise?.....                     | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has there been any unintended weight loss / gain in the last 6 months?.....                  | yes   no | _____ |
| • Does your pet suffer from any chronic ongoing medical condition?.....                        | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has your pet received any medication in the last 30 days?.....                               | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has your pet been vaccinated in the last 12 months?.....                                     | yes   no | _____ |
| • Has your pet ever had any serious illness?.....  | yes   no | _____ |

## 1. Pre-anaesthetic blood testing [Additional cost of R814.50]:

Most anaesthetic drugs given to pets are removed from the body by the liver and kidneys. Abnormalities of these organs may increase the risk of anaesthetic or surgical complications. We can perform a blood test before administering anaesthesia to detect liver and/or kidney disorders which are often undetectable during a routine examination. Normal results do not guarantee that your pet will not have an anaesthetic reaction, but it does indicate that they are in a lower risk category. If any of these results are abnormal, we will discuss these with you and may decide to do one of the following:

1. Postpone the procedure until a later date
2. Further tests to pursue a specific diagnosis
3. Proceed with anaesthesia, but alter the drugs and procedures involved.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I give consent to do the blood screen

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I decline the blood screen

(Please initial)

The cost for this test is R814.50.

**Cat owners:** we recommend that you know the FeLV (Feline Leukemia virus) and FIV (Feline AIDS virus) status of your cat. Infection with these viruses can compromise a cat's immune system and negatively affect their ability to heal. **The cost of testing for both of these viruses is R390.** (Please ask for an information sheet should you wish to know more about FeLV/FIV in cats)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, please test my cat for FeLV and FIV

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I decline the FeLV/FIV test

(Please initial)

## 2. Drip placement (intra-venous fluids) [Additional cost of R660]:

General anaesthesia can result in a drop in blood pressure, which can be alleviated by administering intravenous fluids (placing a drip). The consequences of prolonged low blood pressure are especially dangerous to elderly or sick patients and include acute kidney failure, brain damage and even death. Young healthy dog and cat spays and castrations do not routinely receive drips, but you may choose to give your pet this added benefit. Should you wish us to place a drip the cost is R660.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I want my pet to receive a drip

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I decline placement of a drip

(Please initial)

**3. Supplementary pain control** [Additional cost of R50 to R200]:

All our patients receive morphine-like medication as part of surgical pain management and they are given a painkiller / anti-inflammatory injection that lasts for 24 hours. This should be sufficient for minor surgical procedures, but we recommend that patients that undergo larger operations (such as spays or castrations) are discharged with pain medication for at least 5 days post surgery. This minimizes unnecessary post-operative discomfort and promotes healing and patient well-being. The cost of additional pain medication is size dependant and can be between R50 and R200.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I consent to extra pain medication  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I decline any extra pain medication  
 (Please initial)

**PLEASE NOTE:** if you decline the additional medication the vet may supersede this decision, at your cost, in selected cases where it would constitute unethical practice not to provide medication for pain relief.

**4. Vaccination** [Additional cost for dogs: R475, and for cats: R555]:

Vaccination is one of the most effective forms of preventative medicine. To ensure optimal all dogs and cats should have received at least 3 or 4 full vaccinations by the age of 6 and thereafter once every year. You are also required by law to vaccinate your pet against this highly fatal disease is endemic in South Africa and is transmissible between animals humans. Adult pets in the Western Cape must receive a rabies vaccine every 3 years after vaccines. The cost for full vaccination is R475 for dogs and R555 for cats (this includes the vaccine).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, please vaccinate my pet  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I decline the vaccine  
 (Please initial) immunity, months rabies as and their initial FeLV

**5. Permanent identification: ID microchip implantation** [Additional cost of R345]:

Microchipping involves the simple injection of a microchip under the skin and serves as a permanent method of identifying your pet. Each chip contains a unique number that is registered with your pet's details on a central data base. Unlike collars with name tags, microchips cannot get lost. If lost pets are taken to a welfare / animal control agency or veterinary clinic this makes finding their owner much easier and more reliable. The cost of microchipping is R345.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, please microchip my pet  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **No**, please do not microchip my pet  
 (Please initial)

**6. Additional routine health care**

While your pet is in our care, do you want us to attend to any of the following?

**Flea / tick control** ..... \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Please initial) No \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deworm** ..... \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Please initial) No \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clip nails** ..... \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Please initial) No \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Authorisation to perform anaesthesia, surgery and/or treatment**

I am the owner / authorised agent for described animal and I hereby authorise and request the clinic to perform such diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical procedures as described and discussed above. The nature of such services has been described to me to my satisfaction and I realise that no guarantee or warranty can ethically or professionally be given regarding the results or cure. I understand and accept that with any medical procedure, including anaesthesia, there are always inherent risks, including death, and I accept responsibility for those risks. I understand that all reasonable care and precautions will be taken in performance of the procedures. I also authorise the clinic staff in an emergency situation to follow through with such procedures as are necessary for the well being of my pet on a continuing basis until further communication with me. I understand that I assume financial responsibility for all services rendered.

Please tick the applicable boxes for today's procedure and additional services

Routine sterilizations	Estimate
Dog Spay <10kg	R 1951 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Spay 10-25kg	R 2108 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Spay >25kg	R 2289 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Castrate <10kg	R 1452 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Castrate 10-25kg	R 1597 <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Castrate >25kg	R 1737 <input type="checkbox"/>
Cat Spay	R 1423 <input type="checkbox"/>
Cat Castrate	R 807 <input type="checkbox"/>
Cryptorchid male (dogs and cats): Cost to be discussed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional services	Estimate
Pre-anaesthetic blood test (dogs and cats)	R 814.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
FeLV/FIV test (cats)	R 390 <input type="checkbox"/>
Drip placement (dogs and cats)	R 660 <input type="checkbox"/>
Extra pain medication (depends on size)	--+ R50- R200 <input type="checkbox"/>
Annual vaccination (dogs)	R 475 <input type="checkbox"/>
Annual vaccination (cats)	R 555 <input type="checkbox"/>
Microchip implant	R 345 <input type="checkbox"/>
Flea/Tick control : Cost depends on size and product used	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deworm: Cost depends on size and product used	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name and surname of owner or authorised agent : \_\_\_\_\_

ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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