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This letter is to confirm that your pet is scheduled for an anesthetic procedure.

Please do the following before bringing your pet to the hospital:

1. Review the enclosed brochure regarding pre-anesthetic and diagnostic testing. It will review the reasons why bloodwork before anesthesia is so important.
2. Review the enclosed handout regarding pain control – this is particularly important if your pet is scheduled for any abdominal surgery such as ovariectomy (spay) or a dental procedure where extractions are necessary.
3. Find the consent form and sign the appropriate statements to request or decline bloodwork and pain medication. Bring this form with you on the morning of your pet's procedure.
4. Do NOT feed your pet breakfast the morning of the procedure (Remove all food the night before)
5. We do allow your pet to have water the morning of the procedure.
6. Give lots of extra rubs and kisses.
7. Please arrive at the hospital between 7:30am and 8:00am to check your pet in for the procedure. We begin medical rounds promptly at 8:15am to discuss the day's cases. If you arrive during this time, please understand how important this is for everyone to attend. We may ask you to wait shortly while we finish our meeting.

ALL anesthetized patients at Hurricane Animal Hospital are closely monitored by a surgery nurse, and a machine called a pulse oximeter that keeps a constant eye on their oxygen saturation. We also recommend an ECG recording for any pets that have been previously diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia, murmur, or other heart condition. This technology, along with blood testing, reduces the risk of anesthesia to its lowest level.

In addition to close monitoring, we also administer an injection for pain control to minimize post-surgical discomfort. Because this injection only lasts 4-6 hours, we do strongly recommend medication you administer by mouth to your pet for the first 3 days following surgery. Studies have shown that using pain medication post surgery contributes to pets eating better, resting easier, and in turn, healing more quickly.

Please let us know if there is anything other than your pet's scheduled procedure that we can do while your pet is under anesthesia. Stressful procedures such as nail trims, cleaning ears, and emptying anal glands can be performed stress and pain free at this time.

We look forward to seeing you

[The Staff of Hurricane Animal Hospital](#)