PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD TESTING

Before placing your pet under anesthesia, a physical examination will be performed by one of our veterinarians. There is always a possibility that a physical exam alone will not identify all of your pet’s health problems; therefore, we require that pre-anesthetic blood work be performed on all dogs 6 years and older as well as all cats 8 years and older. It is important to understand that a pre-anesthetic profile does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications. It may, however, greatly reduce the risks of complications as well as identify medical conditions that could require medical treatment in the future.

1. **Chem 10 Blood Panel ($60)**: This helps alert our surgeons to the presence of dehydration, diabetes, liver and kidney disease - all of which could complicate the procedure.

2. **Complete Blood Count (CBC) & Chem 10 Blood Panel ($75)**: This contains all of the same information as above in addition to information regarding anaemia, infection, inflammation, immune-mediated diseases, certain cancers and problems with blood clotting.

3. **Complete Blood Count (CBC) & Chem 17/Lyte4 Blood Panel ($90)**: This is the most complete blood panel as it contains all of the same information as a CBC & Pre-surgical Panel (option 2) plus information regarding your pet’s electrolyte status and the functional ability of their liver to break down the anesthetic drugs.

Many conditions cannot be detected without blood work, thus compromising your pet’s recovery and general well-being. In declining pre-anesthetic blood work, you understand the anesthetic risk is greater and the York County SPCA is not liable for any unforeseen occurrences that may arise during the procedure.

**OUR BLOOD WORK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURGERY PATIENTS:**

Young healthy cats & dogs: Complete blood count and Chem 10 panel *(recommended)*

Senior Cats (8 years & older): Complete blood count and Chem 17/Lyte 4 panel *(REQUIRED)*

Senior Dogs (6 years & older): Complete blood count and Chem 17/Lyte 4 *(REQUIRED)*

Chem 10 ($60) _____ CBC/Chem 10 ($75) _____ CBC/Chem 17/Lyte4 ($90) ____

Decline All Options _____

Signature _________________________________________     Date __________   Staff Initial ________