

**Carroll Small Animal Clinic**  
**416 N Grant Rd.**  
**Carroll, IA 51401**  
**(712) 792-3708**

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrival Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Procedure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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With modern drugs and sophisticated equipment, the risks associated with general anesthesia and surgery is minimal for the healthy pet. However, the potential for complications still exists, and the best way to minimize the risk for your pet is to have a complete pre-surgical evaluation performed by Dr. Whited prior to the procedure. This aids in determining any underlying problems that might lead to complications, and to make any adjustments necessary to safeguard your pet's health and comfort.

There are three stages in this preparation.

1. Physical examination
2. Routine blood testing
3. Additional testing

1. The physical examination includes:

- A systematic visual inspection of the pet's head, neck, limbs, and body
- Palpation (feeling with the hands) of the body's outer surface and assessment of internal abdominal organs through the body wall
- Auscultation (listening with stethoscope) to the heart, lungs, and abdomen.

2. Routine blood testing typically includes a Hemogram (complete blood count) and Comprehensive panel; these tests provide a wealth of important information about the pet's health status.

3. Additional testing—a number of additional tests may be performed, either as part of the routine preparations, or in response to some irregularity, deficiency, or abnormality identified on physical examination or routine blood testing.

Once all the test information has been gathered and analyzed, Dr. Whited will make recommendations about the advisability to proceed with anesthesia and surgery. In some situations, the risk will be too great, and the procedure will be delayed to allow time to treat the underlying problem. In other cases, the decision will be that it is safe to proceed as planned. Sometimes adjustments will be made to minimize risk even further, such as using a different type of anesthetic, administering pre-surgical antibiotics, giving intravenous fluids prior to surgery, etc.

It is important to note that there is a small but unavoidable risk whenever a pet undergoes anesthesia and surgery. Pre-surgical preparation does not eliminate this risk, but it greatly reduces the potential for unexpected complications, and goes a long way towards ensuring your pet has a safe procedure, and a smooth and uneventful recovery.

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**Discharge Instructions For:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Care:**

Home care after surgery mainly involves the **restriction of physical activity**. Unfortunately, your animal does not understand the seriousness of surgery or the significance of the recovery period. Most pets will naturally become very active in a short period of time after surgery and confinement and close supervision indoors is of the utmost importance! If your animal must be left alone, it must be confined to a cage or small area that is warm and safe. This strict confinement and restriction of activity is necessary during the entire recuperative period. Excessive physical activity often leads to injury or serious complications. This means additional expense to you and added discomfort/risk for your pet.

**Spay/Neuter:**

- No jumping or running
- No playing with other pets
- No rough-housing
- Do not bathe/get incision site wet until stitches removed or the next 10 days
- Monitor daily for signs of redness, swelling, discharge, animal licking
- NEVER put anything on the incision site unless prescribed from the veterinarian  
(Items like hydrogen peroxide/rubbing alcohol are toxic to healing tissue)

**Dental ATP:**

- No use of any dental chews for 10-14 days after surgery
- No brushing teeth
- No water additives

**Other Surgery:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Medication(s):**

Previcox: \_\_\_\_\_

Metacam: \_\_\_\_\_

Antibiotics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

These medication(s): **HAVE**\_\_\_\_\_ **HAVE NOT**\_\_\_\_\_ been giving today.

If you have any questions feel free to call:

**Carroll Small Animal Clinic (712) 792-3708**

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. – 12 Noon

After Hours/Emergencies: call the clinic, the night service will prompt directions