

Robinson Veterinary Services

Important Information On Pre-Anesthetic Testing

Your pet is scheduled for a procedure that requires anesthesia. We would like to take this opportunity to recommend pre-anesthetic testing and explain why it is important to the health of your pet.

Like you, our greatest concern is the well being of your pet. Before placing your pet under anesthesia, a veterinarian will perform a complete physical examination to identify any existing medical conditions that could complicate the procedure and compromise the health of your pet.

Because there is always the possibility a physical exam alone will not identify all of your pet's health problems, we strongly recommend that a pre-anesthetic profile (a combination of tests- listed below) be performed prior to anesthesia. The tests we recommend are similar to and equally as important as those your own physician would run if you were to undergo anesthesia.

It is important to understand that a pre-anesthetic profile does not guarantee the absence of anesthetic complications. It may, however, greatly reduce the risk of complications as well as identify medical conditions that could require medical treatment in the future.

The combination of blood tests we recommend for the apparently healthy pet are listed below.

- Complete Blood Count - anemia, infection, clotting
- 6 Panel Blood Chemistry including:

UREA, Creatinine – Kidney
ALKP, ALT – Liver
Glucose – Diabetes/sugar
Total Protein – Hydration

