



**SOUTH
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Client ID _____ Last Name _____ Patient Name _____

Vaccine Status and Other Service Requests: *(for office use only)*

Rabies due: _____ Distemper due: _____ Fecal due: _____
Nail Trim? _____ Wing/beak trims? _____ Other services/comments: _____

Surgery or Procedure to be performed: _____ **Date scheduled:** _____

What to Expect on Surgery Day for My Bird or Exotic Pet

The following is a synopsis of your pet's upcoming elective or non-elective surgical procedure, and some of the events surrounding that day.

Pre-anesthetic blood tests within 30 days of the procedure are often required to help ensure your pet's safety under anesthesia. These blood tests evaluate the functionality of vital organs like the liver and kidneys which need to be healthy in order to metabolize the drugs used during surgery. If any abnormalities are discovered, the procedure may be altered appropriately or delayed until the issues are resolved. It is upon the doctor's discretion that these preliminary tests are performed, depending on the size and health condition of your bird or exotic pet.

Your pet should arrive between 8:00 - 8:30 AM. All pets being admitted to the hospital must be up to date on necessary vaccinations. Your pet's vaccine status is indicated above. **Any necessary vaccines due will be administered today.** You should have been advised on whether or not a fast was required, and if so, for how long. The admission process involves signing a "permission to treat" and an estimate of the costs involved. A contact telephone number and a 50% deposit are required upon admission. After admission your pet will be examined and weighed. The doctors will prescribe pre-anesthetic medications for pain and to relieve anxiety. The nurses will place an intravenous catheter and the patient will be kept quiet in a cage awaiting his/her turn for surgery.

All patients undergoing general anesthesia will receive intravenous fluids during the procedure. The type of anesthesia used is dictated by the age and health as well as the procedure being performed. Only the safest anesthetic protocols are used and patients are closely monitored by a nurse-anesthetist as well as with monitoring devices such as pulse oximetry, EKG's, blood pressure, respiratory and/or temperature monitors. If deemed necessary by the doctor, your pet may undergo pre-anesthetic testing prior to the procedure. During the recovery period, or shortly thereafter, the nurse or doctor will call you to let you know how everything went.

Risks of Anesthesia and Surgical Complications

Although every effort is made to insure a safe and painless procedure, there are always some risks associated with any form of anesthesia. These risks may include decreased blood pressure, cardiac arrhythmias, apnea, body temperature variations (hyperthermia, hypothermia), and idiosyncratic reactions to a particular drug, prolonged recovery times and death.

Additionally, there may be complications related to the surgery or procedure itself. Surgical or procedural complications can occur during and after the procedure or surgery is completed. In addition to discussing potential risks associated with the surgery/procedure, the doctor or nurse should have answered any unresolved questions or concerns.

I understand and agree to everything stated in this document. I have had all anesthetic and procedural risks explained to my satisfaction. I authorize South Wilton Veterinary Group to perform the scheduled procedure(s) on my pet.

Signature X _____ Date _____