



IV CATHETERIZATION AND FLUIDS

Placement of an IV catheter gives the doctor immediate access to the blood stream in order to administer any needed drugs or supportive electrolyte fluids. This access is recommended during surgical procedures that require general anesthesia and required anytime a patient receives IV fluids.

IV fluids are helpful in maintaining good organ blood flow, help treat and prevent shock, correct dehydration and electrolyte imbalances and encourage the elimination of certain drugs and toxins from the body.

Dr. _____ has recommended that your pet _____ have an IV catheter and fluids. The approximate cost will be _____.

_____ I wish for my pet to have an IV catheter and fluids as recommended

_____ I decline to have my pet receive the recommended IV catheter and fluids

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent _____

Date _____

PAIN MEDICATION

Studies have shown that animals, like their human friends, experience pain. Pets may not whine or cry when they are in pain. Instead they may express their pain by acting depressed or listless, not eating, panting, being reluctant to run, jump or climb, or by limping. Virtually anything that would be expected to cause pain in people should be expected to cause pain in a pet.

We believe providing pain relief is an appropriate, humane and caring thing to do for our pets. Our recommendation is that your pet receive pain relief during his/her hospital stay, and that oral pain relief medication be sent at the time of discharge to be given during the first few days of recovery at home.

_____ I wish for my pet to receive medication for pain relief when needed during his hospital stay and would like medication dispensed to be given at home for this purpose.

_____ I decline the use of pain relief medication.

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent _____

Date _____