



Anesthesia & Resuscitation Authorization

Client's Name: _____ Cat's Name: _____

Your cat belongs to one of the following categories:

- He/she is being admitted to the hospital for a procedure that requires sedation or anesthesia.
- He/she is being admitted to the hospital for diagnostic testing and/or treatment and is currently in severe or critical condition.
- He/she is boarding at CHAT and has one or more ongoing medical concerns.

Advances in anesthesia have made elective procedures safer, with a low rate of anesthetic complications. However, complications can arise because of pre-existing conditions not evident during previous examinations. In order to evaluate your cat's current health status, a pre-anesthetic examination will be performed by a doctor the day of the procedure and charged accordingly. We also require pre-anesthetic lab screening prior to all anesthetic procedures. This information helps us create an anesthetic protocol unique to your cat's specific needs. In some cases, a procedure may be postponed pending treatment of a condition discovered on this lab work. In certain rare circumstances, a condition may exist that is not evident on physical examination or pre-anesthetic screening, possibly resulting in an anesthetic complication. All patients undergoing anesthesia will have an intravenous catheter placed to allow for administration of fluids during the procedure (to help support blood pressure), and to facilitate emergency treatment if needed. It will be necessary to shave or clip hair from the IV catheter site as well as any areas where surgical procedures are to be performed. Patients will be monitored closely during and after anesthesia.

There is a chance that your cat may experience cardiac and/or respiratory arrest. In this unlikely and unfortunate situation, you have the choice of whether or not resuscitation is attempted. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) efforts may include, but are not limited to, placement of a breathing tube to administer oxygen, IV catheter placement, injections of medications including epinephrine and atropine, and chest compressions. Equipment to monitor cardiac activity (EKG) and blood oxygenation may also be utilized. If CPR is elected, efforts will continue until cardiac and respiratory function is restored, or the doctor decides that further efforts will not be effective or could be harmful. CPR has a success rate of approximately 3%.

Any attempt at resuscitation will accrue additional billing charges. These charges are variable and cannot be estimated ahead of time.

Has your cat had access to food since 10:00 p.m. yesterday? Yes No

Should the need arise, please attempt to resuscitate my cat: Yes No

As owner or representative of owner, I authorize anesthesia and the above precautions for my cat.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____