



**SURGERY FORMS – FELINE**

Cage # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out grey shaded areas only**

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager# \_\_\_\_\_

Pet \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Breed/Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M / F

**Behavior:** Tame \_\_\_\_\_ Feral (wild) \_\_\_\_\_ Housing: Inside only \_\_\_\_\_ Outside only \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_  
IF STRAY? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you seen/ fed cat? \_\_\_\_\_ ever in heat? \_\_\_\_\_ had kittens? \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF LAST VACCINATIONS?** Please circle- Never vaccinated/ Vaccination history not known

**If previously vaccinated please indicate dates:**

**RABIES** (required by state law ) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

If expired or lack of documentation, the Rabies vaccine will be given today. A minimum \$10 fee will be charged.

**FVRCP** (Distemper) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 1 year old: 1<sup>st</sup> distemper \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Feline Leukemia / FIV Test** \_\_\_\_\_ **FeLV** (Feline Leukemia) vaccination: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Seeing worms?** Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ **Ever received worming meds?** Yes/ No Name/date of med \_\_\_\_\_

**FLEAS**-If any evidence of fleas is found on your pet, a flea medication will be applied at your expense.

\***ALLERGIES ?** to vaccines: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ medications: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

\***Current health problems:** Yes/ No \_\_\_\_\_

\***Past health problems:** Yes/ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Has pet had anything to eat or drink after 12:00 am ? Yes/ No**

I am the owner/ agent of the above named animal. I have the authority to execute this consent.

I hereby authorize the Pet Partners authorized veterinarian to perform the following procedures on the above named animal and to use the appropriate anesthetics and medications:

**Spay/ Neuter** (reproductive sterilization) \_\_\_\_\_ **Oral Assessment, Radiographs and Treatment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other surgery/procedure/biopsy** \_\_\_\_\_

I also authorize the Pet Partners authorized veterinarian to perform extensions of the above surgery or procedures or give any appropriate medications in the event of unforeseen conditions that may be revealed or occur.

I also authorize the tests, vaccinations, medications and pregnancy choices selected on the attached sheet.

I understand that there is inherent risk involved with any anesthetic or surgical procedure or the administration of a vaccination or medication. I realize that the results cannot be guaranteed.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and discharge Pet Partners, its employees, Board of Directors, volunteers, and all persons associated herewith for all claims, damages, rights of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of, or incident to the above described procedure.

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/ AGENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Interview: phone \_\_\_\_\_ in person \_\_\_\_\_ Name if other than owner \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Pet \_\_\_\_\_ Cage # \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Stray ? \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Services Requested:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spay/ Neuter \_\_\_\_\_ COHAT \_\_\_\_\_ Estimate Age \_\_\_\_\_

Other surgery \_\_\_\_\_ With Biopsy ? Yes/ No

**Pre-anesthetic blood work:** PCV/TS \_\_\_\_\_ mini \_\_\_\_\_ partial \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ waived \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancy termination: Y/N HWT \_\_\_\_\_ FeLV/FIV test \_\_\_\_\_ If positive? Quarantine \_\_\_\_\_ PTS \_\_\_\_\_ Burial \_\_\_\_\_

Flea/ worm control: Advantage \_\_\_\_\_ ParaDefense \_\_\_\_\_ Droncit \_\_\_\_\_ Strongid \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabies** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Rabies** \_\_\_\_\_ **FVRCP( Distemper)** \_\_\_\_\_ **FeLV (Leukemia)** \_\_\_\_\_

Tresaderm \_\_\_\_\_ Ivomec injection \_\_\_\_\_ Feral cat ear tip \_\_\_\_\_ microchip \_\_\_\_\_

E-collar \_\_\_\_\_ Skin staples \_\_\_\_\_ Pain medication \_\_\_\_\_ Bup SR \_\_\_\_\_ Coupon \_\_\_\_\_

**Services Rendered:**

**Wt:** \_\_\_\_\_

Physical exam: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood test: PCV/TS/mini/partial/full Results \_\_\_\_\_

Spay: In heat \_\_\_\_\_ Pregnant \_\_\_\_\_ Lactating \_\_\_\_\_ Infected \_\_\_\_\_ Castration: \_\_\_\_\_ Crypt \_\_\_\_\_

Dental: Radiographs \_\_\_\_\_ Hand Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Ultrasonic scale/ Polish \_\_\_\_\_ Tooth extractions \_\_\_\_\_ Est. Age \_\_\_\_\_

Other surgery \_\_\_\_\_ Biopsy \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip \_\_\_\_\_

Vacc: Rabies \_\_\_\_\_ FVRCP \_\_\_\_\_ FeLV \_\_\_\_\_ FeLV/FIV test \_\_\_\_\_

Skin: Fleas \_\_\_\_\_ Advantage /Para Defense applied \_\_\_\_\_ Droncit inj. \_\_\_\_\_ Nail trim \_\_\_\_\_

Ears: Cleaned \_\_\_\_\_ waxy \_\_\_\_\_ mites \_\_\_\_\_ Left ear tip \_\_\_\_\_ Ivermectin inj. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Antibiotic \_\_\_\_\_ IV/ SQ fluids \_\_\_\_\_ Pain injection \_\_\_\_\_ Fecal \_\_\_\_\_ U/A \_\_\_\_\_ Temp \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific discharge instructions:**

**Physical examinations-** recommended yearly unless under one year old and received one or less exams.

If today was your kitten's only veterinary visit, please return in 1 month.

**Vaccination recommendations:**

**Rabies-return by** \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ year booster (required by state law).

**Feline distemper-** Recommended for protection from respiratory viruses.

Return **ASAP** if your cat/kitten has never received or is over due for a distemper vaccination.

Kittens- if never vaccinated a series of 2-3 shots 1 month apart is recommended.

**Return \_\_\_\_\_ for a booster or to complete kitten series.**

Indoor/ Outdoor adult (over 1y.o.) - a yearly booster is recommended.

Indoors only adult (no exposure to outdoor cats) -booster every other year if up to date.

**Feline Leukemia-** recommended for all cats that go outdoors. Need a series of 2 shots 1 month apart, then once a year thereafter.

**Return \_\_\_\_\_ for a booster.**

**Surgery incision-** \_\_\_\_\_ Skin layer **glued/not glued**. Just keep clean and dry for 14 days, no need to return.

\_\_\_\_\_ Skin **sutures/staples**. Return in \_\_\_\_\_ days for removal if still present.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gingival sutures- absorbable. Rinse mouth with lukewarm water after meals for 1wk.

**Medications- Give the following as directed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Collar: Leave on for \_\_\_\_\_ days when unsupervised.**

**Flea control-** Repeat flea treatment monthly x2 minimum, treat all pets and household for fleas \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Partners is a non-profit clinic. We may not be able to accommodate sick or injured animals. We strongly encourage you to establish a relationship with a full service veterinarian in case of illnesses or emergencies.

## INFORMATION FORM - CAT

In order to save time at check-in please read the following information before dropping off your cat for surgery. If someone other than the owner is bringing the cat to the clinic, please initial your choices and sign the next page. If you have any questions please feel free to call (508) 672-4813 Monday- Thursday 9am-4pm. Please allow 15-20 minutes for check-in and pick-up.

**\*\*\*Check-in is 7:00-8:00 am. Pick-up is 4:00-5:00 pm. Please call ahead if you need another time.\*\*\***

### PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOOD WORK

Blood testing prior to any anesthetic procedure is recommended to uncover any possible hidden problems. The tests we order are the same that a person would have done prior to an anesthetic procedure. **The bare minimum, mini and partial panel tests can be done the same day the surgery is scheduled.** For a full panel, please schedule an appointment a few days prior to surgery to have the blood drawn. We will wait for the test results before starting surgery.

**PCV/TS-** Screening for protein levels and anemia only. - Cost \$39

**Minimum-** Tests a few kidney and liver values, protein, CBC. - Cost is \$97

**Partial/ juvenile panel-** Includes above plus more kidney, liver values - Cost is \$127

**Full panel-** recommended for animals 7 years or suspected illnesses/dental disease. Must be done prior to day of surgery.

**Waived-** unforeseen problems may occur with anesthesia and you are willing to assume the risks.

Please INITIAL Choices:

PCV/TS \_\_\_\_\_ Mini \_\_\_\_\_ Partial/juvenile \_\_\_\_\_ Full/adult \_\_\_\_\_ waived \_\_\_\_\_

**VACCINATIONS-** NOT recommended on the same day of surgery to avoid possible allergic reactions. If returning for vaccinations on a clinic day (Wednesday, Friday or Saturday) is difficult for you, then we will vaccinate your cat at the end of the surgery day. A rabies vaccine will be given on the surgery day if your pet is not up to date or you do not provide proof of vaccination.

**\*\*PLEASE bring copies of vaccination and medical records to avoid a possible \$15-\$45 record research fee\*\***

**Feline Rabies vaccine- legally required. Please read attached letter explaining vaccine options.**

Feline Distemper vaccine- recommended for protection from intestinal and respiratory viruses: \$25 each

Feline Leukemia vaccine- considered a core vaccine for cats that go outdoors or have exposure to an outdoor cat: \$39 each

A feline leukemia/ aids test is recommended before the initial vaccination (read below): \$57

Choices: Rabies “new” (\$32) \_\_\_\_\_ “old” (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Feline distemper (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Feline leukemia (\$39) \_\_\_\_\_

### FELINE LEUKEMIA/ FIV (Aids) TESTING

Feline Leukemia and FIV are non-treatable viral infections that can affect cats. The viruses are spread by the transfer of infected body fluids including blood, saliva, nasal secretions, and nursing milk. Your cat could have been exposed to either virus from its mother or if your cat has been outside it could have been exposed through fighting or grooming of other infected cats. Cats can be carriers of the virus and not show symptoms for many years. We can test your cat for both viruses with one blood sample.

Cost is \$57.

If either feline viral test comes back positive we recommend that you keep your cat indoors to prevent the spread of the virus, and then retest in 3 months.

Therefore we recommend if the test is positive to:

- quarantine your cat at home and retest in 3 months or
- adopt the cat to a cat- free home (you must arrange this yourself) or a Felv-positive home and retest in 3 months  
or
- Last resort- euthanize (put to sleep) the cat because you are unable to isolate this cat for 3 months  
Charge for euthanasia alone is \$50, plus burial is \$42 - \$152 total.

Choices: test – Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If positive: quarantine \_\_\_\_\_ euthanize \_\_\_\_\_ burial \_\_\_\_\_

**Microchip-** A small RFID chip is implanted between your pet's shoulder blades and allows shelters, animal control and vets to contact you in case your pet gets lost. **Cost- \$57** \_\_\_\_\_

**OBESITY-** There may be an additional charge for overweight animals. Fees range from \$15-\$300.

**PREGNANCY**

If your female pet is found to be pregnant upon examination or surgery, she still may be spayed (fixed). This surgery will result in the termination of the pregnancy. There may be additional charges for I.V. fluids, pain medication, and additional surgery time depending on the weight of your pet and the stage of pregnancy. (Cats - usually \$25-\$100 extra)

**Choices:** hold spaying if pregnancy is suspected or found during surgery \_\_\_\_\_ spay \_\_\_\_\_

**FLEA CLINIC POLICY-Any animal found with fleas or flea dirt will have a flea control medication applied and you will be charged accordingly.**

**Your choices are: Advantage Multi** (fleas, ear mites, and some worms)- \$17.75-\$20.76 **Nexgard** (fleas and ticks)- \$22.43-28.00 **Para Defense** (fleas) - \$7.50

Tapeworm medication (Droncit) is also recommended, since fleas carry tapeworm eggs and your pet can be infected if they swallow any fleas while grooming themselves. The cost varies with the weight of the animal. (NOTE: Advantage Multi does not cover tapeworms.)

The cost for the average sized cat would be \$10-12 (injectable) or \$10-12 (pill) plus tax.

**Choices:** Advantage Multi \_\_\_\_\_ Nexgard \_\_\_\_\_ Para Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Praziquantal \_\_\_\_\_ Droncit \_\_\_\_\_

**EAR MITES/ EAR INFECTIONS-** Ear mites are common (especially in young cats). The mites cause itchiness of the ears. Medication choices are either a gel (which is applied by the owner into the ear canals), Advantage Multi topical or we can give an injection today which will need to be repeated in 3 weeks. Ear infections caused by yeast and bacteria can be due to food allergies. Treatment usually requires an anti-yeast/ bacterial ointment plus flushing with an ear cleaner or homemade vinegar mixture plus changing the diet. (See hand out)

**Choices:** Injection (cost \$10.00 each injection) \_\_\_\_\_ Ear infections- ointment (cost \$30) \_\_\_\_\_  
Advantage Multi topical (\$16.86-\$19.73) \_\_\_\_\_ Ear cleaner (\$18.53) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vinegar recipe will be provided if needed)

**PAIN MEDICATION-** All animals will be given a pain injection before surgery. The medication will wear off approximately 24 hours later. Some animals need pain medication for several days after surgery/ dentals depending on the procedure performed and their individual pain tolerance. Additional pain medication may be purchased if you know that your pet is more "sensitive." (Pain medication will automatically be dispensed for some procedures such as tooth extractions).

**Cost- Oral liquid \$15.50 (2 days worth) \_\_\_\_\_ Buprenex SR inj \$10-\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ (Last approx. 3 days, will cause drowsiness)**

**E-COLLAR (lampshade collar) - We HIGHLY recommend purchasing a collar to prevent licking of the surgical area. Visit fees to check and/or repair open skin incisions are \$10-\$250 (not incl. anesthesia) at pet partners, \$300-\$2,500 at ER.**

**Cost- \$10 for cats** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Declined \_\_\_\_\_ Has own \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of owner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Pet** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prices are Subject to Change without notice.**

**\*\*All pets must be picked up by 5:30 unless prior arrangements have been made\*\***

**Unscheduled late pick-ups will incur a fee for staff overtime coverage of \$50.**

**Pets not picked up by 6:00 pm for whatever reason will be kept overnight and charged \$75-\$150.**

For \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Date \_\_\_\_\_

The following information will hopefully answer any questions you may have about anesthesia. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the clinic before your scheduled appointment.

**What type of anesthesia will my pet receive for their surgery or dental procedure?**

Unless discussed otherwise, your pet will be given a “general anesthetic” which means they will be fully asleep or unconscious during the procedure and unable to feel pain.

**What will be done to my pet before, during, and after surgery to help provide a safe anesthetic event?**

Your pet will be examined by the attending technician at drop-off and by the attending veterinarian before any drugs are given. You will be called to discuss options if the examination or any chosen pre-anesthetic testing reveals any concerns. During the surgery prep and procedure your pet will be kept warm with water blankets and socks, given intravenous fluids, hooked up to heart, blood pressure, oxygen and carbon dioxide monitors, and have their temperature checked. Vital signs will continue to be monitored afterwards.

**What drugs will be given?**

Multiple drugs will likely be given to your pet to alleviate anxiety before surgery, to provide unconsciousness and allow placement of a tube into their trachea for the delivery of oxygen and gas anesthetics, to maintain a stable level of pain-free unconsciousness during surgery, and to help diminish pain after surgery.

The drugs given MAY include: Acepromazine, Alfaxalone, Antisedan, Bupivacaine, Buprenorphine, Butorphanol, Carprofen, Dexdomitor, Diphenhydramine, Epinephrine, Etomidate, Fentanyl, Hydromorphone, Isoflurane, Ketamine, Meloxicam, Midazolam, Propofol, and Telazol. (This list will change over time based on safety data information, the development of newer/safer drugs, and cost).

**What determines which drugs will be given?**

The species, breed, age, weight, past known history with drugs and vaccines (in your pet or any relatives of your pet), present condition, type and expected length of procedure, and the results of any chosen pre-anesthetic testing will help the veterinarian determine which drugs to use.

**What are the risks of general anesthesia?**

As with other drugs, anesthetic drugs also have side effects. These effects can range from mild to catastrophic. A normal or favorable response to anesthetic drugs requires normal functioning of all major organs and no allergic reactions to the above drugs.

Mild undesired side effects: prolonged grogginess, nausea and vomiting after surgery

Moderately undesired side effects: rash/bruising/infection at the intravenous needle site; a mild allergic reaction resulting in hives or facial swelling; a TEMPORARY abnormal change in body temperature, respirations, heart beat, eyesight, or functioning of major organs. Catastrophic: anaphylactic shock, permanent loss of major organ function, DEATH

### **Why do some animals have adverse reactions to routinely used anesthetic drugs?**

Some pets just like some people have underlying diseases with major organs that cannot be detected with a physical examination or routine laboratory testing. Non-routine testing of blood and internal organs may be recommended if your pet (or a relative of your pet) has had a history of previous problems with drugs or vaccines or a suspected problem based on exam findings. And some pets just like some people, will have allergic reactions or will be overly-sensitive to the usual recommended drug dosages.

### **How frequently do anesthetic complications and death typically occur?**

Statistics are hard to come by since the reporting of anesthetic complications and death are not required. Retrospective studies (1-6) reveal complication rates of 1-2% and death rates averaging 0.1-0.3% in cats and dogs, 1.39% for rabbits. (Rabbit death percentages are theorized to be higher due to multiple factors such as smaller body size, faster metabolism, and being a “species of prey” which can potentially complicate normal anesthesia due to hypothermia, hypoglycemia, and stress.)

### **How many anesthetic procedures have been performed at Pet Partners and what is the percentage of anesthetic deaths?**

From 2001-2022, we have anesthetized 29,182 cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets, and one goat. Ten (or 0.04%) of these pets went into respiratory arrest and survived. Sadly, 38 (0.13%) of these pets did not survive. These numbers include sick, injured, and feral animals. (For rabbit statistics only: 668 anesthetized, 6 deaths including one wild and two sick rabbits, 0.89% mortality).

### **What will happen, if in the rare event, my pet has complications or stops breathing or their heart beat ceases during anesthesia?**

Your pet will be given emergency drugs, assisted respirations, and if needed, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). We will continue emergency treatment as long as there is a discernible and viable response or for a 15 minute period AFTER no detectable independent respiration or heartbeat (“flat line”) is confirmed. This period is to allow sufficient time for emergency drugs and IV fluids to possibly work. The attending veterinarian will notify you as soon as they are able.

### **Is there a charge for emergency drugs and emergency care?**

Unfortunately, yes (and yes we know that this may seem as though it is adding insult to injury) but we have to charge “at cost” fees for the drugs and time involved. The charges will vary depending on the weight of your animal and the time involved. There will be no charge for checking the airway and giving reversal medications if appropriate.

### **Estimated fees for the INITIAL 15 minutes of emergency care for full respiratory and heart arrest:**

Rabbits, cats and small dogs- \$ 75-150    Medium-sized dogs- \$100-175    Large dogs-\$150-250

### **May I waive any emergency care if in the rare event my pet should experience complications?**

Yes, you may request DO NOT RESUSCITATE. We understand that as much as you/ we would like to do everything possible for our pets, we have to take many factors into consideration when

money is involved.

**What can be done to lower the risks of anesthesia?**

1. Provide past medical records – especially of known problems with any drugs or vaccines with your pet or a relative of your pet
2. Notify the clinic of any recent problems- change in weight, appetite/thirst, urine/bowel movements or activity level, respiratory/ear/urine infections
3. Consider pre-anesthetic testing of:
  - a. Urine- to reveal underlying infections or early kidney disease. A sample must be submitted 1 week prior to the scheduled appointment. Cost- \$46
  - b. Blood- to evaluate blood cell numbers, electrolytes, basic kidney and liver levels. Testing may be done the day of surgery or up to one month prior. We will wait for results before fully anesthetizing your pet.  
(Due to the small size of the clinic, we may need to give noisy dogs a sedative before blood test results return if you choose to have testing done the day of your appointment). Costs- see surgery information sheet
  - c. Blood Pressure- to help detect underlying heart or kidney disease. We will need to shave hair from a lower leg and or tail. Cost- \$29

\*\* PLEASE NOTE- There are no known tests to determine if your pet will have an allergic or adverse reaction to anesthetic drugs.

\*\* PLEASE NOTE- Normal examination findings, normal blood and urine test results, normal blood pressure readings does **NOT** guarantee that your pet will have an expected and favorable response to anesthetic drugs.

**BOTTOM LINE-**

A favorable anesthetic outcome is estimated to occur in 98.7-99.9% of cases.

The only guarantee that we can make is that we will try our absolute best to make sure your pet is safe at all times and will have a favorable outcome.

I am the owner/agent of \_\_\_\_\_. I have read and understand the information provided regarding risks of anesthesia.

I choose to have emergency care provided to my pet in the rare event that they have an adverse response to anesthetic drugs-please initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I choose to request DO NOT RESUSCITATE in the rare event my pet should have an adverse response to anesthetic drugs- please initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner/agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name if other than owner \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CAT OWNERS- Rabies Certification Protocol and Choices**

Please read the following information regarding Rabies certifications and vaccine choices for cats.

You will have two options to choose from for the Rabies vaccine.

**(Legally ALL cats are required to be vaccinated against Rabies, even if they are indoors at all times).**

**Rabies certificates**- State law dictates how long a certificate is good for:

- Initial vaccination- rabies certificate is good for ONE year.
- Booster – rabies certificate is good for **ONE or THREE years** depending on which vaccine is chosen.
- 3 year certificates- only issued **IF** 3 year vaccine booster is given and there is proof of prior vaccination.

**Possible vaccine reactions-** (These reactions can occur with any vaccine)

- Soreness
- Fever
- Facial swelling and/or hives
- Vomiting, respiratory distress, anaphylactic shock
- Temporary lump at vaccination site
- Cancerous lump at vaccination site- 10 times more likely with adjuvanted vaccines.

**Rabies choices-**

“Old”- contains adjuvant or an added ingredient used to stimulate the immune system. We use Merial Imrab.

“New” – does not contain adjuvant. We use Merial Purevax brand.

**Rabies vaccination fees-**

“Old”- \$10 for one or three years

“New”- \$32 for one year

\$ 85 for three years

We have elected to continue offering the “Old” vaccine for the following reasons-

Many of our clients have multiple cats they care for and can only afford the \$10 option.

The “Old” vaccine is better than no vaccine when considering the possibility of human transfer and fatal infection.

Rabies infection in humans is fatal if not treated properly.

I have read the above information and choose the “OLD” or “NEW” Rabies vaccine.

Client/Agent name \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) Information

Feline Leukemia and FIV (“Aids”) are non-treatable viral infections that can affect cats. The viruses are spread by the transfer of infected body fluids including blood, saliva, nasal secretions, and nursing milk. Your kitten or cat could have been exposed to either virus from its mother or if your cat has been outside it could have been exposed through fighting or grooming of other infected cats. Once exposed, there are three possible outcomes:

1. The cat is able to get rid of the virus.
2. The cat stays persistently infected, never becomes ill, BUT transmits the virus to other cats.
3. The cat stays persistently infected, becomes ill at some point, and usually dies within 1-5 years.

Symptoms can include loss of appetite and weight, enlarged lymph nodes, fever, pale gums.

There is no cure for either viral infection, only supportive care.

Kittens are considered most at risk because of their undeveloped immune system and the greater likelihood of escape and potential interaction with infected outdoor cats. Based on the recommendations of several Feline Advisory Boards, we are also recommending the following protection protocol:

Kittens- test\* at 8 weeks old. Vaccinate for Leukemia if negative.

Initial vaccine series- vaccinate every 3-4 weeks x2

Boosters- 1 year later and repeat annually IF at risk of future exposure to outdoor or positive cats.

Adult cats at risk- test\* and if negative, vaccinate as above. If considered low risk, can booster after first annual every 2 years.

\*Testing- Recommended for all kittens initially and then adult cats at risk annually since the leukemia vaccine is not 100% guaranteed. Unfortunately there is no effective FIV vaccine available.

I have discussed Feline Leukemia testing and vaccination recommendations with my veterinarian and have chosen the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Test today and start vaccine series

\_\_\_\_\_ Start vaccine series today without testing. I realize that the vaccine will not help or hurt my kitten/cat if they have already been exposed to the Feline Leukemia virus. I may elect to test my kitten/cat at a later date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Decline testing or vaccinations today but may elect to pursue later.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pets Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## For Emergencies or After-hour Questions

For issues related to a recent surgical procedure or clinic visit-

1. Try the clinic first especially during our normal office hours of Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm, and most Fridays 8am-1pm October-May. (Closed most Fridays during summer months)  
**The clinic # is (508) 672-4813.**

2. On evenings and weekends: **Please limit calls for TRUE EMERGENCIES only. Most questions can be answered by reading through the discharge papers. Please read these papers before calling.**

**\*\*\*\* This phone will be turned off from midnight to 7am weeknights and midnight to 9am weekends.**

If you feel that you have an emergency related to a procedure done at Pet Partners, please do not hesitate to call our phone during available hours. If you do not receive a return call shortly, please call your full-service veterinarian or one of the emergency clinics listed below. **The emergency # is (508) 493-0393**

For issues *NOT* related to services rendered at Pet Partners please call your full-service veterinary clinic. If you don't have one or they are not available you may contact:

***MA-RI Vet ER***

***477 Milford Rd.***

***Swansea MA***

***(508)730-1112***

***Across from Swansea Mall***

***Bay State Vet Service***

***76 Baptist St.***

***Swansea, MA***

***(508) 379-1233***

***near Rt 6 and 136***

***The Animal Emergency Center***

***595 West Center St.***

***W. Bridgewater, MA***

***(508) 580-2515***

***Exit 16B off Rt. 24, Next to Mobil***

Please note: Most problems encountered by pets following surgery arise from the owner allowing their pet to be too active or licking of the incision area. So please follow the after-care instructions. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND PURCHASING A LAMP-SHADE COLLAR TO PREVENT LICKING, ESPECIALLY FOR DOGS.**  
**Incision repair can cost 2-10x more than the original surgery fee so please monitor your pet closely.**

Pet Partners cannot accept responsibility for the care of your pet after it leaves the clinic. Therefore, payment for **ANY** services rendered by another clinic **FOR ANY REASON WILL BE THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

Evaluations at Pet Partners during clinic hours - minimum **\$30** plus supplies.

Weekday evening hours -minimum **\$50** plus supplies (payable in CASH).

Weekends and Holidays -minimum **\$90** plus supplies (payable in CASH).

**Please make every attempt to call the clinic during office hours for questions or problems.**

I have read the above information and agree to the terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (or designated caretaker/representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pet's name(s)

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Date



**\$5 off**

**IF YOU PRINT OUT ALL NEEDED  
SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA FORMS\***

(Fully read, signed, and brought to the clinic, of course!)

\*Valid for spay, neuter or dental surgery only. Cannot be used with shelter/non-profit rates and/or vouchers, grant monies or other discounts.