

# **Anesthesia**

**The procedure to be performed today necessitates the use of general anesthesia. In order to provide the highest quality care for your pet, the staff at Rush Animal Care Clinic feels that you should be fully informed about the possible complications involved with the administration of general anesthetics. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have concerning today's procedure.**

**Anesthesia complications can include but are not limited to:**

- 1. Prolonged recovery**
- 2. Respiratory depression**
- 3. Vomiting**
- 4. Diarrhea**
- 5. Drop in or loss of appetite**
- 6. Organ impairment or dysfunction**
- 7. Death.**

**Your pet will be monitored for respirations, heart rate, oxygenation, and blood pressure. If, at any time, we feel additional medications or procedures are needed, we must have an available phone number for contacting you. Please be sure you are available at that phone number for the morning of your pet's surgery. If you have given us a cell number, remember to check your phone often for messages.**

**Your pet will be on a heat source during surgery—this helps in preventing hypothermia. We may wish to continue using a heat source after recovery.**