



## Gallbladder Surgical Release Form

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed the aforementioned surgery and the importance of pre-surgical blood testing with the referring veterinarian. I understand that there are risks and hazards involved with the recommended surgical procedure, including anesthetic risk. I realized that no guaranty or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure.

I authorize the surgeons and/or associates (Drs. Harper and Franklin) of Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, PLLC to perform surgery on my pet. I am also aware that Dr. Harper is board certified in large animal surgery only but have retrained in small animal surgery as well, therefore, offers their services to small animal clients and their animals. I have also been made aware that Dr. Franklin is small animal surgery residency trained, but has not become board certified at this time. At this time Dr. Franklin's title is Practice Limited to Surgery. I understand that there are other board-certified surgeons in small animal available in the area.

Gall bladder disease is a common problem in dogs. Most of the time, the gall bladder is filled with sludge or stones that block the flow of bile necessary for the proper digestion of our food. In most cases, simply removing the gall bladder is all that is needed to resolve the problem. Before we can remove the gall bladder, a small incision must be made in the small bowel to find the bile duct opening and check for patency with a small catheter. Occasionally, the problem can be more severe and involve a ruptured bile duct with leakage of bile, tumors obstructing the duct, or infection that leaks into the liver tissue causing jaundice (yellow skin staining). Sometimes we need to reroute the bile flow from the gall bladder directly into the small intestine bypassing the obstruction. These patients with liver dysfunction are at slightly greater risk to undergo anesthesia but without surgery the condition can become fatal.

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the admitting veterinarian (and his/her designated associates or assistants) to administer such treatment as is necessary to perform the below-mentioned procedure. The nature of the procedure(s) has been explained to

me and no guarantee has been made as to results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in these procedures.

I consent to the administration of such anesthetics or tranquilizers as are necessary.

Anesthetic Risks: (Although every effort is made to make anesthesia as safe as possible including vital sign monitoring and use of the most up to date anesthetic agents and equipment, I understand that anesthesia carries inherent risks) The incidence of complications from anesthesia are extremely low and we do not anticipate any complications in your pet but on rare occasions the following can occur:

1. Allergic reaction to the anesthetic agents
2. Heart rhythm abnormalities
3. Untoward reactions to the gas including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties
4. Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can result in death.

Procedure: Gall Bladder Removal, Culture and Sensitivity, Biopsy and Bile Duct Patency Exam, Possible Biliary Diversion

Surgical Risks: Although rare, complications from liver and gall bladder surgery can include:

1. Hemorrhage from liver if severe adhesions due to chronic gall bladder disease, tumors, stones, or mucoceles
2. Bile leakage with resulting peritonitis resulting in possible death
3. Infection
4. Pancreatitis
5. Obstruction of common bile duct

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Pet Owner/Agent Signature</b>	<b>Phone I Can Be Reached At Today</b>
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