



Surgical Release Form for Nephrectomy

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.

Your pet has been diagnosed with a kidney disease that requires removal of the damaged kidney. There are many different diseases that can affect the kidney including infection (abscess), genetic conditions like polycystic disease, hydronephrosis where a ureteral blockage backs up urine into the kidney causing permanent damage from the pressure, avulsion or damage from trauma, kidney stones, and tumors (benign and malignant). Before removing a diseased kidney, it is important to run some tests (blood, urine, intravenous pyelogram, GFR measurements using nuclear scintigraphy exam or excretory urogram, ultrasound, etc.) to make sure that the remaining kidney is functioning sufficiently enough to maintain life. Dogs, like people, can live with one kidney with a normal life span. People donate kidneys all the time and the remaining kidney enlarges to compensate for the loss of the other kidney. If your pet has a malignant kidney tumor (most often determined from a biopsy specimen after surgery), it can spread undetected by the surgery to other organs and create medical problems in the future. Most of the time, removal of the kidney is curative.

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: Nephrectomy

Surgical Risks:

1. Bleeding during or after surgery that may result in need for transfusion (rare)
2. Infection that result in further testing and medication at additional cost
3. If kidney has a tumor that biopsy shows is malignant (cancer) it can spread to other organs in the future
4. If remaining kidney is not fully functional, loss of diseased kidney could result in kidney failure in the future.
5. If your pet has a kidney tumor that has invaded surrounding tissues, complete removal may not be possible and post-surgical chemotherapy may be needed.

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet _____

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